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AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area—Square Miles.	Population (Excluding full-blood Aborigines).							Capital Cities, 30th June, 1956.
		Census—30th June, 1954.			Estimate—30th September, 1956.				
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.		
N.S.W.	309,433	1,720,860	1,702,669	3,423,529	1,792,167	1,775,978	3,568,145	1,935,880	
Victoria	87,884	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	1,325,268	1,299,308	2,624,576	1,595,300	
Q'land	670,500	676,252	642,007	1,318,259	707,402	669,128	1,376,530	527,500	
S. Aust.	380,070	403,903	393,191	797,094	434,122	419,941	854,063	514,000	
W. Aust.	975,920	330,358	309,413	639,771	350,215	330,471	680,686	369,000	
Tasmania	26,215	157,129	151,623	308,752	164,958	156,467	321,425	99,540	
N. Terr.	523,620	10,288	6,181	16,469	10,998	7,474	18,472	8,850	
A.C.T.	939	16,229	14,086	30,315	19,212	16,082	35,294	32,440	
Australia	2,974,581	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	4,804,342	4,674,849	9,479,191	5,082,510	

(a) 31st December, 1955.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AT 30TH JUNE.									
1939	2,748,393	1,878,480	1,018,007	596,563	470,044	237,419	6,281	12,567	6,967,754
1953	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645	8,815,362
1954a	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	32,424	9,200,691
1956	3,553,432	2,605,088	1,370,697	848,526	677,889	319,648	18,297	34,481	9,427,558
AT 31ST DECEMBER.									
1938	2,737,191	1,871,099	1,005,523	595,842	466,684	242,119	5,730	11,721	6,935,909
1952	3,367,986	2,366,719	1,271,256	768,570	612,935	309,558	14,771	27,774	8,739,569
1953	3,409,009	2,416,035	1,298,420	785,665	631,743	316,465	15,635	29,714	8,902,686
1954	3,462,313	2,480,877	1,322,752	808,243	649,415	319,511	16,140	31,144	9,090,395
1955	3,525,923	2,555,021	1,350,684	834,635	670,750	325,801	17,007	33,470	9,313,291

(a) Census.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.									
1939	2,735,400	1,872,287	1,008,207	595,131	466,896	237,637	5,932	11,965	6,933,455
1953	3,366,358	2,372,366	1,272,244	766,538	611,191	302,529	15,241	27,721	8,734,188
1954	3,405,414	2,422,839	1,300,464	785,981	630,705	309,416	15,930	29,595	8,900,344
1955	3,459,538	2,488,115	1,325,336	807,501	648,930	312,987	16,536	31,249	9,090,192
1956	3,524,379	2,564,849	1,352,629	834,465	669,040	319,192	17,474	33,642	9,315,670
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.									
1938	2,722,378	1,865,251	1,001,996	593,242	463,808	236,328	5,804	11,534	6,900,341
1952	3,341,476	2,343,610	1,255,896	755,042	600,615	298,361	15,087	26,570	8,636,657
1953	3,386,556	2,395,851	1,287,231	776,355	621,034	306,318	15,534	28,724	8,817,603
1954	3,428,488	2,453,453	1,313,055	796,361	640,140	311,128	16,214	30,383	8,989,227
1955	3,492,385	2,526,275	1,338,995	820,143	658,747	316,153	17,040	32,412	9,202,150

INCREASE OF POPULATION.

State or Territory.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	Twelve Months ended 30th September.	
					1955.	1956.

NATURAL INCREASE (EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS).

New South Wales	42,108	43,183	40,681	41,854	42,123	41,377
Victoria	30,416	30,911	32,106	33,809	33,611	34,715
Queensland	19,782	19,776	19,832	21,045	21,048	20,324
South Australia	10,834	11,194	11,043	10,958	11,222	11,064
Western Australia	10,204	10,790	10,564	11,244	11,404	11,275
Tasmania	5,337	5,185	5,074	5,600	5,553	5,647
Northern Territory	359	344	407	396	400	457
Australian Capital Territory	963	664	739	735	730	872
Australia	120,053	122,047	120,451	125,641	126,091	125,711

RECORDED NET INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA MIGRATION (EXCESS OF ARRIVALS OVER DEPARTURES).

New South Wales	18,043	4,578	15,977	21,756	23,817	21,668
Victoria	35,053	16,346	31,764	40,335	44,665	43,070
Queensland	11,310	5,480	3,544	6,887	6,368	7,650
South Australia	10,865	2,791	9,968	15,434	14,495	17,075
Western Australia	12,677	8,258	7,228	10,081	8,017	5,323
Tasmania	3,604	2,888	1,443	690	889	433
Northern Territory	2	718	201	471	615	436
Australian Capital Territory	2,482	1,838	973	1,591	1,651	1,146
Australia	94,032	42,897	68,207	97,255	100,517	97,431

TOTAL INCREASE.

	(a)	(a)	(a)			
New South Wales	53,314	41,023	53,304	63,610	65,940	63,045
Victoria	67,181	49,316	64,842	74,144	78,276	78,385
Queensland	32,978	27,164	24,332	27,932	27,416	28,004
South Australia	24,785	17,065	22,578	26,392	25,717	28,139
Western Australia	22,596	18,808	17,672	21,335	19,421	16,598
Tasmania	7,771	6,907	3,046	6,290	6,442	6,080
Northern Territory	157	864	505	867	1,015	873
Australian Capital Territory	2,880	1,940	1,430	2,326	2,381	2,018
Australia	211,662	163,117	187,709	222,896	226,608	223,142

(a) Includes natural increase and recorded net interstate and overseas migration together with adjustments for differences disclosed by the results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS—SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.	Net Oversea Migration.	Total Increase.	Population at end of Period.
				(a)	(b)		
Year—							
1938	62,411	120,415	66,451	53,964	9,137	63,101	6,935,909
1944	68,201	153,344	69,596	83,748	— 2,183	81,565	7,347,024
1945	62,822	160,560	70,231	90,329	— 2,629	87,700	7,430,197
1946	79,496	176,379	74,661	101,718	— 15,148	86,570	7,517,981
1947	76,457	182,384	73,468	108,916	10,611	119,527	7,637,963
1948	74,902	177,976	76,839	101,137	55,115	156,252	7,792,405
1949	72,999	181,261	75,260	106,001	150,001	256,002	8,045,570
1950	75,599	190,591	73,187	112,404	152,505	264,909	8,307,481
1951	77,298	193,298	81,788	111,510	111,433	222,943	8,527,907
1952	74,172	201,650	81,597	120,053	94,082	214,135	8,739,569
1953	70,640	202,285	80,188	122,047	42,897	164,944	8,902,686
1954	71,229	202,256	81,805	120,451	68,207	188,658	9,090,396
1955	72,172	207,677	82,036	125,641	97,255	222,896	9,313,291
Quarter ended—							
30th September, 1955	15,449	53,714	24,209	29,505	25,853	55,358	9,256,049
31st December, 1955	20,094	51,045	19,424	31,621	25,621	57,242	9,313,291
31st March, 1956	18,680	52,614	18,073	34,541	29,421	63,962	9,377,253
30th June, 1956	18,453	53,502	21,140	32,362	17,943	50,305	9,427,558
30th September, 1956	15,328	53,698	26,511	27,187	24,446	51,633	9,479,191

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period January, 1944, to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period January, 1944, to June, 1947.

(c) Includes natural increase and net overseas migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and differences disclosed by the Censuses of 30th June, 1947 and 1954.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

State or Territory.	Marriages.	Births.			Deaths.		
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1956.							
New South Wales	5,698	10,078	9,240	19,318	5,954	4,526	10,480
Victoria	4,368	7,428	7,151	14,579	3,984	3,356	7,340
Queensland ..	2,194	4,133	3,983	8,116	2,158	1,584	3,742
South Australia ..	1,397	2,546	2,466	5,012	1,355	1,135	2,490
Western Australia	1,055	2,213	2,031	4,244	944	669	1,613
Tasmania	521	1,011	1,000	2,011	438	324	762
Northern Territory	46	68	73	141	20	8	28
Australian Capital Territory ..	49	162	115	277	37	19	56
Australia ..	15,328	27,639	26,059	53,698	14,890	11,621	26,511

NINE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1956.

New South Wales	19,912	29,589	27,499	57,088	14,784	11,302	26,086
Victoria ..	14,553	22,512	21,092	43,604	9,680	8,297	17,977
Queensland ..	7,294	12,763	12,007	24,770	5,422	3,911	9,333
South Australia ..	4,669	7,216	6,919	14,135	3,285	2,628	5,913
Western Australia	3,775	6,802	6,059	12,861	2,531	1,746	4,277
Tasmania ..	1,939	3,132	3,007	6,139	1,075	866	1,941
Northern Territory	116	212	204	416	56	15	71
Australian Capital Territory ..	203	437	364	801	86	40	126
Australia ..	52,461	82,663	77,151	159,814	36,919	28,805	65,724

State or Territory.	1938.	1953.	1954.	1955.	Nine Months Ended 30th September.	
					1955.	1956.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales	24,579	27,573	27,503	27,645	20,098	19,912
Victoria ..	17,113	19,238	19,404	20,056	13,987	14,553
Queensland ..	8,853	9,859	10,027	10,098	7,515	7,294
South Australia ..	5,489	6,149	6,190	6,226	4,541	4,669
Western Australia	4,153	5,032	5,204	5,145	3,778	3,775
Tasmania ..	2,082	2,424	2,512	2,600	1,871	1,939
Northern Territory	67	154	143	151	106	116
Australian Capital Territory ..	75	211	246	251	182	203
Australia ..	62,411	70,640	71,229	72,172	52,078	52,461

DIVORCES (INCLUDING NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE).—Australia—1938, 3,100; 1952, 7,095; 1953, 8,031; 1954, 6,517; 1955, New South Wales, 2,891; Victoria, 1,690; Queensland, 803; South Australia, 628; Western Australia, 485; Tasmania, 233; Northern Territory, 18; Australian Capital Territory, 21; Australia, 6,769.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1953.	1954.	1955.	Nine Months ended 30th September.	
					1955.	1956.
MARRIAGE RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
New South Wales ..	9.03	8.14	8.02	7.92	(a) 7.69	(a) 7.48
Victoria ..	9.17	8.03	7.91	7.94	7.41	7.48
Queensland..	8.84	7.66	7.64	7.54	7.50	7.13
South Australia ..	9.25	7.92	7.77	7.59	7.41	7.37
Western Australia ..	8.95	8.10	8.13	7.81	7.68	7.45
Tasmania ..	8.81	7.91	8.07	8.22	7.89	8.03
Northern Territory ..	11.54	9.91	8.82	8.86	8.34	8.70
Australian Capital Territory..	6.50	7.35	8.10	7.74	7.56	7.88
Australia ..	9.04	8.01	7.92	7.84	7.57	7.44

BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	47,319	74,890	73,125	74,407	56,554	57,088
Victoria ..	30,344	53,561	54,660	56,336	41,915	43,604
Queensland..	18,992	30,782	31,176	32,352	24,806	24,770
South Australia ..	9,410	18,156	18,227	18,494	13,695	14,135
Western Australia ..	9,141	15,862	15,928	16,623	12,584	12,861
Tasmania ..	4,907	7,736	7,770	8,089	6,056	6,139
Northern Territory ..	102	460	513	515	394	416
Australian Capital Territory..	200	788	857	861	628	801
Australia ..	120,415	202,235	202,256	207,677	156,632	159,814

BIRTH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales ..	17.38	22.11	21.33	21.31	(a) 21.64	(a) 21.45
Victoria ..	16.27	22.36	22.28	22.30	22.22	22.42
Queensland..	18.95	23.91	23.74	24.16	24.76	24.23
South Australia ..	15.86	23.39	22.89	22.55	22.35	22.30
Western Australia ..	19.71	25.54	24.88	25.23	25.57	25.38
Tasmania ..	20.76	25.25	24.97	25.59	25.55	25.43
Northern Territory ..	17.57	29.61	31.64	30.22	31.01	31.19
Australian Capital Territory..	17.34	27.43	28.21	26.56	26.08	31.08
Australia ..	17.45	22.94	22.50	22.57	22.76	22.67

DEATHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	26,105	31,707	32,444	32,553	25,075	26,086
Victoria ..	18,955	22,650	22,554	22,527	17,194	17,977
Queensland..	9,201	11,006	11,344	11,307	8,648	9,333
South Australia ..	5,539	6,962	7,179	7,536	5,579	5,913
Western Australia ..	4,234	5,072	5,364	5,379	4,031	4,277
Tasmania ..	2,288	2,551	2,696	2,489	1,905	1,941
Northern Territory ..	69	116	106	119	90	71
Australian Capital Territory..	60	124	118	126	90	126
Australia ..	66,451	80,188	81,805	82,036	62,612	65,724

(a) Equivalent annual rates.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1953.	1954.	1955.	Nine Months ended 30th September.	
					1955.	1956.
DEATH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
New South Wales	9.50	9.36	9.46	9.32	(a) 9.60	(a) 9.80
Victoria	10.16	9.45	9.19	8.92	9.11	9.24
Queensland	9.18	8.55	8.64	8.44	8.63	9.13
South Australia	9.34	8.97	9.01	9.19	9.11	9.33
Western Australia	9.13	8.17	8.88	8.17	8.19	8.44
Tasmania	9.68	8.33	8.67	7.87	8.04	8.04
Northern Territory	11.89	7.47	6.54	6.98	7.08	5.32
Australian Capital Territory ..	5.20	4.32	3.88	3.89	3.74	4.89
Australia	9.63	9.09	9.10	8.91	9.10	9.32

DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales	1,980	1,846	1,850	1,850	1,411	1,352
Victoria	1,038	1,133	1,055	1,035	779	821
Queensland	784	769	695	656	521	555
South Australia	287	375	388	431	315	297
Western Australia	309	378	359	373	280	301
Tasmania	195	177	186	189	136	130
Northern Territory	6	18	9	26	21	14
Australian Capital Territory ..	8	17	4	12	8	10
Australia	4,607	4,713	4,546	4,572	3,471	3,480

INFANT MORTALITY—RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.

New South Wales	41.84	24.65	25.30	24.86	24.95	23.68
Victoria	34.21	21.15	19.30	18.37	18.59	18.83
Queensland	41.28	24.98	22.29	20.25	21.00	22.41
South Australia	30.50	20.65	21.29	23.30	23.00	21.01
Western Australia	33.80	23.83	22.54	22.44	22.25	23.40
Tasmania	39.74	22.88	23.94	23.37	22.46	21.18
Northern Territory	58.82	39.13	17.54	50.49	53.80	33.65
Australian Capital Territory ..	40.00	21.57	4.67	13.94	12.74	12.48
Australia	38.26	23.30	22.48	22.01	22.16	21.78

(a) Equivalent annual rates.

OVERSEA MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Figures to 30th June, 1933, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census. Figures from 1st July, 1933, are as recorded.

Period.	Total Arrivals.			Total Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25	289,695	188,357	478,052	172,236	122,550	294,786	183,266
1926-30	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,336	147,437	340,773	129,707
1931-35	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	-10,886
1936-40(a)	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941-45(a)	35,422	28,503	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1946-50(a)	398,507	303,413	701,920	180,779	168,057	348,836	353,084
1938	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1951	122,136	91,504	213,640	54,521	47,686	102,207	111,433
1952	127,516	88,323	215,839	68,937	52,870	121,807	94,032
1953	88,584	74,541	163,125	68,483	51,745	120,228	42,897
1954	109,601	88,424	198,025	72,073	57,745	129,818	68,207
1955	133,463	103,774	237,237	76,805	63,177	139,982	97,255
Nine months ended 30th September—							
1955	99,730	74,822	174,552	56,293	46,625	102,918	71,634
1956	103,388	77,530	180,918	59,719	49,389	109,108	71,810

(a) Excludes troop movements September, 1939, to June, 1947.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

Oversea Migration—Permanent Movement(a) Classified according to Nationality.

Nationality.	Arrivals. (b)			Departures. (c)		
	Quarter ended September, 1956.	Nine Months ended September—		Quarter ended September, 1956.	Nine Months ended September—	
		1955.	1956.		1955.	1956.
British(d)	10,764	46,352	41,345	6,358	21,451	22,937
Foreign—						
American (U.S.) ..	434	925	1,020	209	658	722
Austrian	630	3,195	2,782	33	63	68
Belgian	11	50	41	3	14	9
Chinese	71	245	392	38	110	117
Czechoslovak ..	18	51	44	28	76	80
Danish	297	55	686	5	31	25
Dutch	2,548	7,875	8,900	469	728	1,272
Estonian	2	7	6	..	15	8
French	161	267	394	68	250	218
German	995	6,475	4,282	185	430	640
Greek	2,380	9,591	9,093	35	89	147
Hungarian	51	190	146	6	28	24
Israeli	192	420	714	5	9	14
Italian	6,799	21,221	23,921	485	1,257	1,773
Japanese	55	235	141	8	18	27
Latvian	8	32	31	12	24	33
Lebanese	280	278	769	5	24	24
Lithuanian	4	12	11	13	34	48
Norwegian	19	56	110	13	113	24
Polish(e)	27	116	135	26	84	82
Russian(f)	32	73	323	25	36	74
Swedish	5	35	77	3	33	16
Swiss	48	169	260	18	75	58
Ukrainian .. ..	..	32	33	12	32	26
Yugoslav	248	752	901	19	45	52
Stateless	507	1,278	1,391	28	100	90
Other	235	636	843	73	183	210
Total	26,821	100,623	98,791	8,182	26,010	28,818

(a) The movements of overseas travellers are classified as permanent or temporary on the basis that "permanent" means intended residence for one year or longer. (b) Excludes Australian residents returning from absences of less than one year and Australian troops irrespective of their length of stay abroad. (c) Excludes visitors departing after a stay of less than one year in Australia and Australian troops. (d) "Irish" nationality has been combined with "British" in this table. (e) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Polish. (f) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Russian.

Permanent Movement(a) Classified according to Racial Origin.

Racial Origin.	Arrivals.			Departures.		
	Quarter ended September, 1956.	Nine months ended September—		Quarter ended September, 1956.	Nine months ended September—	
		1955.	1956.		1955.	1956.
European	26,236	98,882	96,180	8,005	25,494	28,213
Asian	554	1,652	2,472	173	502	578
African	6	17	40	2	1	4
Polynesian	25	72	99	2	13	23
Total	26,821	100,623	98,791	8,182	26,010	28,818

(a) See note (a) above.

Oversea Migration—Permanent Movement^(a) classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence of Departures. ^(d)	Arrivals. ^(b)			Departures. ^(c)		
	Quarter ended September, 1956.	Nine Months ended September—		Quarter ended September, 1956.	Nine Months ended September—	
		1955.	1956.		1955.	1956.
Commonwealth—						
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ..	7,723	30,237	30,116	3,095	11,186	10,896
Canada ..	300	750	729	262	899	1,046
Cyprus ..	152	692	500	10	43	38
India, Ceylon and Pakistan ..	200	556	642	101	349	322
Malta ..	341	8,030	2,492	114	197	352
New Guinea ..	126	482	536	449	1,541	1,595
New Zealand ..	672	2,108	2,274	847	2,897	2,925
Papua ..	119	326	376	315	926	1,031
Union of South Africa ..	100	308	211	42	150	219
Other ..	654	1,874	2,612	542	1,375	2,266
Total, Commonwealth Countries ..	10,387	45,363	40,488	5,777	19,563	20,690
Other—						
Austria ..	899	3,565	3,396	28	43	59
France ..	115	297	332	89	265	273
Germany ..	1,068	6,546	4,498	146	362	532
Greece ..	2,127	9,181	8,258	37	140	161
Italy ..	6,783	21,598	24,120	690	2,275	2,875
Netherlands ..	2,540	7,694	8,778	381	573	1,055
Poland ..	6	52	63	19	6	31
Yugoslavia ..	235	698	818	15	39	42
Other European ..	548	1,272	1,799	180	359	385
China ..	38	128	303	9	24	24
Indonesia ..	79	267	261	52	134	135
Egypt ..	546	959	1,637	3	43	75
United States of America ..	584	1,297	1,403	541	1,548	1,791
Polynesian Islands ..	29	84	123	68	202	219
Other ..	837	1,622	2,514	147	434	471
Total, Other Countries ..	16,434	55,260	58,303	2,405	6,447	8,128
GRAND TOTAL ..	26,821	100,623	98,791	8,182	26,010	28,818

(a) See note (a) on page 8.

(b) See note (b) on page 8.

(c) See note (c) on page 8.

(d) "Permanent" residence means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" (see following table) as regards both country of intended future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

Oversea Migration—Temporary Movement(a) classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(d)	Arrivals.(b)			Departures.(c)		
	Quarter ended September, 1956.	Nine Months ended September—		Quarter ended September, 1956.	Nine Months ended September—	
		1955.	1956.		1955.	1956.
Australia	13,497	35,671	41,244	8,644	38,716	40,098
Other Commonwealth—						
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ..	1,896	6,206	7,203	1,803	6,806	6,736
Canada	216	508	579	193	546	680
India, Ceylon and Pakistan ..	442	987	1,171	234	863	822
New Guinea	733	2,002	2,497	537	2,008	1,998
New Zealand	4,098	14,169	14,205	4,003	15,039	14,876
Papua	764	1,887	2,138	561	1,416	1,918
Union of South Africa ..	242	393	630	181	332	594
Other	1,075	4,066	4,170	1,100	3,697	4,096
Total, Other Commonwealth Countries ..	9,466	30,218	32,593	8,612	30,707	31,720
Other—						
France	112	356	428	121	391	499
Germany	94	275	257	71	234	255
Greece	18	48	57	16	37	46
Italy	51	202	145	128	213	254
Netherlands	95	446	438	172	469	516
Yugoslavia	7	25	23	4	12	9
Other European	160	560	519	168	493	505
China	30	60	75	11	35	44
Indonesia	208	461	561	124	310	357
Egypt	14	47	50	7	40	34
United States of America ..	1,099	3,054	3,355	1,044	3,405	3,651
Polynesian Islands	230	894	968	214	756	1,021
Other	444	1,612	1,414	382	1,090	1,281
Total, Other Countries ..	2,562	8,040	8,290	2,462	7,485	8,472
GRAND TOTAL	25,525	73,929	82,127	19,718	76,908	80,290

(a) See note (a) on page 8. (b) Excludes Australian residents returning after absences of one year or more. (c) Excludes visitors departing after a stay of one year or more in Australia. (d) "Permanent" residence means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" as regards both country of intended future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

Section II.—Production.

PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AREA, PRODUCTION, AND YIELD PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AREA. (^{'000} Acres.)								
1938-39..	4,651	2,748	442	3,080	3,413	10	2	14,346
1952-53..	2,702	2,232	724	1,544	2,999	7	1	10,209
1953-54..	3,357	2,389	580	1,523	2,885	10	2	10,751
1954-55..	2,919	2,390	688	1,689	2,979	7	1	10,673
1955-56..	2,937	2,141	582	1,609	2,890	6	1	10,166
1956-57(a)	1,713	1,530	390	1,450	2,700	6	..	7,789
PRODUCTION. (^{'000} Bushels.)								
1938-39..	59,898	18,104	8,584	31,675	36,844	205	59	155,369
1952-53..	56,670	50,335	18,662	33,919	35,458	156	8	195,208
1953-54..	63,681	53,698	10,180	30,409	39,700	263	29	197,960
1954-55..	37,718	48,484	16,478	31,463	34,300	158	15	168,616
1955-56..	57,149	41,083	14,922	28,892	53,250	129	19	195,444
1956-57(a)	29,000	23,500	7,000	23,500	32,000	120	..	126,120
YIELD PER ACRE. (Bushels.)								
1938-39..	12.9	6.6	19.4	10.3	10.8	20.8	28.7	10.8
1952-53..	21.0	22.6	25.8	22.0	11.8	23.4	12.7	19.1
1953-54..	19.0	22.5	17.6	19.9	13.8	27.2	18.5	18.4
1954-55..	12.9	20.3	24.0	18.6	11.5	21.7	19.4	15.8
1955-56..	19.5	19.2	25.7	18.0	18.4	20.7	25.5	19.2
1956-57(a)	16.9	19.3	17.9	19.7	11.9	20.0	..	16.2

TOTAL AREA OF WHEAT GROWN FOR ALL PURPOSES.
(^{'000} Acres.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39 ..	5,223	3,033	499	3,344	3,613	14	2	15,728
1951-52 ..	2,930	2,499	551	1,688	3,163	7	1	10,839
1952-53 ..	2,836	2,265	779	1,601	3,076	13	1	10,571
1953-54 ..	3,548	2,429	658	1,604	2,938	15	2	11,194
1954-55 ..	3,178	2,430	745	1,767	3,100	12	1	11,233
1955-56 ..	3,064	2,174	640	1,678	2,965	10	1	10,532

OTHER PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Potatoes.	Hay.	Sugar-cane.		Total Area of Crops.
	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.			Cut for crushing.	Cane Sugar. (94 N.T.)	

AREA.
(^{'000} Acres.)

1938-39 ..	1,784	74	324	98	3,250	262	..	23,498
1951-52 ..	2,365	1,115	170	118	1,549	232	..	19,633
1952-53 ..	2,764	1,377	174	135	1,761	280	..	20,251
1953-54 ..	2,137	1,803	179	128	1,935	340	..	21,013
1954-55 ..	2,574	1,691	170	107	1,984	374	..	21,695
1955-56(a) ..	3,354	1,894	168	94	2,241	373	..	22,456

PRODUCTION.

	^{'000} Bush.	^{'000} Bush.	^{'000} Bush.	^{'000} Tons.	^{'000} Tons.	^{'000} Tons.	^{'000} Tons.	
1938-39 ..	15,555	10,831	7,057	274	3,321	5,679	820	..
1951-52 ..	34,506	21,909	4,018	509	2,345	5,327	745	..
1952-53 ..	43,623	35,045	4,967	431	2,765	6,967	949	..
1953-54 ..	32,961	41,272	5,079	548	3,049	9,014	1,254	..
1954-55 ..	32,884	29,400	5,076	468	2,856	10,087	1,328	..
1955-56(a) ..	56,487	41,655	4,755	(b)	3,688	8,901	1,172	..

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Not yet available.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK. ('000.)

March.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
HORSES.									
1939 ..	531	344	(a) 445	(a) 196	(a) 144	(a) 30	33	1	1,724
1952 ..	311	169	289	468	53	19	32	1	937
1953 ..	298	154	282	57	50	18	35	1	895
1954 ..	280	141	273	52	49	17	37	1	856
1955 ..	258	132	267	49	47	16	33	1	803
1956 ..	247	119	261	44	46	15	37	1	770

CATTLE—BEEF.

1952 ..	2,416	776	5,138	201	621	110	1,058	7	10,327
1953 ..	2,405	820	5,378	231	612	113	936	6	10,501
1954 ..	2,316	829	5,703	230	600	121	966	6	10,771
1955 ..	2,242	856	5,861	255	633	129	969	5	10,950
1956 ..	2,421	954	5,946	302	673	148	1,028	6	11,478

CATTLE—DAIRY.

1952 ..	1,205	1,439	1,297	236	231	155	..	3	4,566
1953 ..	1,244	1,477	1,373	252	234	162	..	4	4,746
1954 ..	1,238	1,541	1,333	261	230	174	..	3	4,830
1955 ..	1,219	1,600	1,377	269	223	190	..	3	4,886
1956 ..	1,258	1,662	1,384	264	224	184	..	3	4,979

CATTLE—TOTAL.

1939 ..	2,812	1,697	(a) 6,097	(a) 319	(a) 768	(a) 262	900	7	12,882
1952 ..	3,621	2,215	6,435	437	852	265	1,058	10	14,893
1953 ..	3,649	2,297	6,751	433	846	275	936	10	15,247
1954 ..	3,554	2,370	7,086	491	830	295	966	9	15,601
1955 ..	3,461	2,456	7,238	524	861	319	969	8	15,836
1956 ..	3,679	2,616	7,330	566	897	332	1,028	9	16,457

SHEEP.

1939 ..	48,877	17,007	a 23,159	a 9,937	a 9,177	a 2,626	30	245	111,058
1952 ..	53,676	21,537	16,164	11,470	12,188	2,338	31	243	117,647
1953 ..	57,461	21,368	17,030	12,036	12,475	2,421	34	247	123,072
1954 ..	59,639	21,438	18,194	11,838	13,087	2,465	31	252	126,944
1955 ..	59,200	22,330	20,222	12,817	13,411	2,595	29	245	130,849
1956 ..	62,988	23,343	22,116	13,585	14,128	2,673	33	258	139,124

PIGS.

1939 ..	377	253	(a) 325	(a) 71	(a) 83	(a) 45	1	1	1,156
1952 ..	293	214	316	65	86	47	1	..	1,022
1953 ..	299	183	336	59	76	39	1	..	993
1954 ..	372	232	384	61	101	46	1	..	1,197
1955 ..	375	264	407	85	107	58	1	..	1,297
1956 ..	343	227	373	73	99	50	1	..	1,166

(a) December, previous year.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE). ('000 lb.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39 ..	437,141	165,829	b 170,459	102,888	78,802	17,519	35	1,909	983,532
1951-52 ..	437,837	224,958	183,767	135,484	120,401	20,513	252	1,765	1,079,977
1952-53 ..	556,552	252,195	163,149	158,658	128,148	19,807	332	2,245	1,281,086
1953-54 ..	544,934	223,481	174,414	145,509	134,442	20,116	290	2,276	1,245,462
1954-55 ..	540,977	253,364	176,548	155,761	129,667	23,797	311	2,232	1,262,657
1955-56(c) ..	593,712	(d)	186,406	(d)	156,454	23,418	393	2,329	a 1,410,000

(a) Estimated. (b) For year-ended 31st December, 1938. (c) Subject to revision. (d) Not yet available.

PRODUCTION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia. (a)
WHOLE MILK FOR ALL PURPOSES. (⁰⁰⁰ gal.)								
1938-39 ..	311,384	377,881	347,336	72,521	45,562	34,829	350	1,189,863
1951-52 ..	241,209	446,818	181,148	86,482	48,937	42,189	593	1,047,376
1952-53 ..	317,385	436,417	285,533	84,249	49,830	41,189	688	1,215,241
1953-54 ..	282,187	474,358	249,712	85,014	49,996	47,642	743	1,189,652
1954-55 ..	315,719	536,835	275,605	90,699	54,194	52,022	725	1,325,799
1955-56(b) ..	335,234	578,493	282,723	91,109	55,578	60,959	913	1,405,009
Three months ended—								
Sept., 1955(b) ..	63,888	121,459	55,636	27,026	17,348	9,528	196	295,081
Sept., 1956(b) ..	60,813	134,602	50,706	26,604	18,586	10,435	220	301,966

BUTTER (Factory and Farm).
(Tons.)

1938-39 ..	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1951-52 ..	25,242	60,342	28,211	8,131	6,880	6,507	6	135,319
1952-53 ..	38,875	58,178	49,425	7,982	6,643	6,372	5	167,480
1953-54 ..	31,354	64,396	42,154	7,862	6,281	7,533	5	159,585
1954-55 ..	40,128	80,182	46,223	8,704	7,266	8,571	4	191,078
1955-56(b) ..	42,325	91,421	48,459	8,656	7,542	10,183	4	208,590
Three months ended—								
Sept., 1955(b) ..	6,680	18,402	8,840	2,733	2,604	1,390	1	40,650
Sept., 1956(b) ..	5,880	20,353	7,666	2,737	2,730	1,568	1	40,935

CHEESE (Factory and Farm).
(Tons.)

1938-39 ..	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,289	436	1,518	..	29,304
1951-52 ..	1,995	22,255	4,700	10,615	625	408	..	40,598
1952-53 ..	3,163	22,386	9,439	10,454	898	266	..	46,606
1953-54 ..	3,210	25,987	6,746	11,612	1,208	294	..	49,057
1954-55 ..	2,508	20,302	7,921	13,101	1,086	275	..	45,193
1955-56(b) ..	3,391	13,955	7,497	12,636	847	259	..	38,585
Three months ended—								
Sept., 1955(b) ..	530	2,965	1,947	4,053	226	8	..	9,724
Sept., 1956(b) ..	641	4,188	1,750	3,935	351	24	..	10,889

CONDENSED, POWDERED, ETC., MILK PRODUCTS: AUSTRALIA. (a)

Period.	Full Cream Milk Products.				Total Whole Milk Equivalent of Full Cream Milk Products.	Milk By-Products.	
	Condensed Milk (Sweetened and Unsweetened).	Concentrated Whole Milk. (c)	Powdered Full Cream Milk.	Infants' and Invalids' Foods. (d)		Powdered Skim Milk.	Powdered Skim-milk and Whey.
	Tons. (e)	Tons. (e)	Tons. (f)	Tons. (f)	'000 gals.	Tons. (g)	Tons. (h)
1938-39 ..	15,519	1,659	10,712	1,259	33,367	..	556
1951-52 ..	52,467	16,743	15,121	12,066	76,496	10,887	2,938
1952-53 ..	55,385	14,493	22,993	10,042	83,655	16,103	4,073
1953-54 ..	42,883	19,464	18,906	11,740	75,995	19,804	5,358
1954-55(b) ..	38,333	11,618	15,409	11,326	64,365	23,206	5,200
1955-56(b) ..	44,978	14,780	17,423	13,125	72,631	30,335	4,586
Three months ended—							
Sept., 1955(b) ..	8,727	2,986	4,158	3,381	15,854	5,125	1,110
Sept., 1956(b) ..	10,238	3,314	4,908	3,458	16,382	6,864	1,245

(a) Excludes Northern Territory. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Principally for use in ice-cream manufacture. (d) Includes malted milk and milk sugar and a small quantity of non-fat malted milk. (e) Incomplete. (f) Malted milk and milk sugar only. (g) Included with Powdered Full Cream Milk. (h) Excludes whey.

PRODUCTION OF MEAT (BONE-IN WEIGHT).

(Tons.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia
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BEEF (including Veal).

1938-39 ..	172,001	113,985	207,007	24,731	27,733	10,946	2,235	572	559,210
1951-52 ..	184,271	137,241	177,608	31,091	32,196	14,991	3,285	1,806	581,888
1952-53 ..	217,320	123,643	252,495	31,100	31,810	13,842	3,175	1,464	674,849
1953-54 ..	220,915	140,019	257,783	34,122	35,494	11,003	3,277	1,656	704,269
1954-55 ..	215,462	142,719	271,550	34,431	37,087	13,670	3,374	1,616	719,909
1955-56(a) ..	225,219	136,831	291,378	37,007	38,188	15,583	3,256	1,632	749,744
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1955(a) ..	58,821	31,462	94,274	7,737	11,833	3,744	831	408	209,110
Sept., 1956(a) ..	54,860	36,418	85,758	9,586	12,508	4,495	847	447	204,919

MUTTON.

1938-39 ..	72,131	77,445	18,950	18,495	14,362	4,004	5	359	205,748
1951-52 ..	56,329	64,756	13,032	20,163	16,086	4,732	34	448	175,830
1952-53 ..	72,455	94,130	18,572	33,660	23,620	5,654	82	834	249,007
1953-54 ..	75,771	87,302	18,075	30,714	18,908	6,004	72	720	237,566
1954-55 ..	73,484	93,322	17,254	28,581	20,916	6,050	78	845	240,530
1955-56(a) ..	71,677	82,149	20,479	27,460	23,548	5,241	64	828	231,446
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1955(a) ..	19,143	15,323	4,838	6,067	5,449	1,382	24	207	52,433
Sept., 1956(a) ..	17,461	12,777	4,973	6,751	5,374	1,601	13	243	49,193

LAMB.

1938-39 ..	23,535	58,685	1,506	15,557	7,852	2,325	..	84	114,544
1951-52 ..	37,747	44,227	1,338	11,059	7,600	4,243	..	312	106,526
1952-53 ..	53,276	58,900	1,799	17,824	8,886	5,002	..	396	146,083
1953-54 ..	48,759	48,320	1,617	14,757	8,358	5,069	..	366	127,246
1954-55 ..	49,015	62,289	1,296	21,272	7,497	5,851	..	414	147,634
1955-56(a) ..	49,722	59,221	1,714	17,523	9,333	6,484	..	408	144,405
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1955(a) ..	11,556	10,378	462	3,355	2,987	1,169	..	102	30,009
Sept., 1956(a) ..	10,925	9,265	454	4,216	2,668	1,204	..	87	28,819

PORK.

1938-39 ..	9,617	10,769	11,844	2,037	1,092	1,623	8	43	37,033
1951-52 ..	10,382	8,716	8,604	2,551	2,550	1,981	70	170	35,024
1952-53 ..	9,611	6,925	6,548	2,636	2,436	1,920	60	132	30,468
1953-54 ..	12,949	7,332	7,216	2,253	2,032	1,399	69	146	33,596
1954-55 ..	17,026	11,078	8,948	3,521	4,362	2,027	65	192	47,219
1955-56(a) ..	14,629	11,047	7,708	3,452	3,481	2,193	68	192	42,770
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1955(a) ..	3,912	2,136	1,868	900	971	424	18	48	10,277
Sept., 1956(a) ..	3,558	2,267	1,709	691	779	429	18	51	9,502

BACON AND HAM (Cured weight).

1938-39 ..	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	..	33,238
1951-52(b) ..	12,514	8,964	7,669	2,969	3,683	829	..	..	36,628
1952-53(b) ..	13,228	8,165	9,510	3,063	3,693	886	..	..	38,545
1953-54(b) ..	11,875	7,044	10,655	3,024	3,443	949	..	..	36,990
1954-55(b) ..	11,769	8,074	10,807	3,378	3,316	1,027	..	..	38,371
1955-56(a)(b) ..	11,426	7,774	10,217	3,586	3,236	1,033	..	..	37,272
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1955(a)(b) ..	2,860	1,851	2,392	887	762	223	..	..	8,975
Sept., 1956(a)(b) ..	2,289	1,625	2,163	778	707	208	..	..	7,775

TOTAL IN TERMS OF FRESH MEAT.

1938-39 ..	299,975	271,939	252,045	64,829	53,880	20,421	2,248	1,055	966,392
1951-52 ..	305,748	267,129	211,062	68,902	63,441	26,474	3,389	2,936	949,081
1952-53 ..	370,652	294,702	292,349	89,585	71,776	27,624	3,317	2,826	1,152,831
1953-54 ..	374,543	292,532	299,181	85,960	69,475	24,769	3,418	2,888	1,152,766
1954-55 ..	370,992	320,388	313,745	92,399	74,373	29,000	3,517	3,067	1,207,481
1955-56(a) ..	376,787	299,871	335,177	90,918	78,949	30,905	3,388	3,060	1,219,055
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1955(a) ..	97,321	61,817	104,696	19,265	22,276	7,024	873	765	314,037
Sept., 1956(a) ..	89,917	62,936	95,843	22,302	22,291	8,012	878	828	303,007

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Includes pressed and canned bacon and ham converted to bone-in weight.

MINING AND QUARRYING—VALUE OF OUTPUT(a).
(£'000.)

Industry and Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust.
1954.								
Metal Mining—								
Gold Mining ..	329	880	277	1	13,386	..	839	15,712
Iron Ore Mining ..	..	..	..	(b)	(b)	..	..	3,924
Silver-Lead-Zinc Mining ..	26,672	..	(b)	(b)	(b)	2,374	..	38,905
Copper-Gold Mining ..	16	..	(b)	(c)	..	(b)	114	5,568
Tin Mining ..	212	..	549	..	67	1,068	13	1,909
Mineral Sands Mining ..	990	..	943	..	..	..	..	1,933
Other Metal Mining ..	89	7	(b)	..	1,080	(b)	55	3,204
Total Metal Mining	28,308	887	14,304	3,300	15,223	8,112	1,021	71,155
Fuel Mining—								
Black Coal Mining ..	42,762	886	6,474	650	3,589	523	..	54,884
Brown Coal Mining ..	..	3,945	..	..	..	..	..	3,945
Total Fuel Mining..	42,762	4,831	6,474	650	3,589	523	..	58,829
Non-Metal (excl. Fuel)								
Mining and Construc- tion Material Quarrying (d)	7,132	4,362	825	4,603	1,929	320	124	e 19,398
Total All Mining and Quarrying ..	78,202	10,080	21,603	8,553	20,741	8,955	1,145	e 149,382
1953(d) ..	72,346	9,329	17,284	6,203	20,011	8,037	1,221	e 134,542
1952(d) ..	77,097	8,535	17,429	6,047	17,704	8,750	1,282	136,844
1951(d) ..	67,877	6,949	10,922	4,933	13,474	10,552	(f)	114,712
1950(d) ..	46,102	5,274	10,829	4,423	12,037	7,049	(f)	85,719
1939(d) ..	12,914	2,789	3,438	3,648	12,496	2,145	(f)	37,430

(a) Selling value at point of sale of mine or quarry product less transport costs from mine or quarry to point of sale (i.e. value of output at mine or quarry) from 1952. For years prior to 1952 totals have been estimated by Government Statisticians in each State using values of individual products recorded by Mines Departments and other relevant data. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Less than £500. (d) Incomplete for some Non-Metal (excl. Fuel) Mining and for Construction Material Quarrying in some States. (e) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (f) Not available.

PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Principal Metallic Contents of Minerals Produced.						Coal.	
	Copper.	Gold.	Iron.	Lead.	Tin.	Tungsten. (a)	Zinc.	
	tons	'000 f. oz.	'000 tons	'000 tons	tons	tons	'000 tons	'000 tons

QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1956.(b)

New South Wales	1,137	7	..	61	73	1	59	3,887	..
Victoria ..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	29	2,673
Queensland ..	8,259	13	..	10	185	3	4	697	..
South Australia..	..	..	571	..	..	..	..	104	..
Western Australia	5	202	52	1	57	311	..	225	..
Tasmania ..	2,389	5	..	3	294	18	8	70	..
Northern Territory	1,415	23	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Australia—									
June Qtr. 1956	13,205	259	623	75	610	333	71	5,012	2,673
June Qtr. 1955	12,358	265	579	75	576	404	64	4,909	2,572
Year—									
1955 ..	45,496	1,049	(c) 2,304	296	2,017	1,482	257	19,275	10,112
1954 ..	40,857	1,118	(c) 2,274	285	2,075	1,372	253	19,763	9,331
1953 ..	36,585	1,075	(c) 2,132	269	1,553	1,406	239	18,411	8,257
1952 ..	18,578	980	(c) 1,883	223	1,610	1,282	196	19,404	8,104
1951 ..	17,926	896	(c) 1,605	212	1,559	1,112	189	17,608	7,896

(a) In terms of WO₃ (tungstic trioxide).

(b) Subject to revision.

(c) Estimated.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Australia.

Year.	(1) Factories.	(2) Persons Em- ployed. (a)	(3) Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	(4) Value of Fuel, &c., Used.	(5) Value of Materials Used. (c)	(6) Value of Pro- duction. (d)	(7) Value of Output. (e)	(8) Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.
	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1938-39 ..	26,941	565,106	106,743	15,700	281,303	203,417	500,420	274,583
1950-51 ..	43,147	968,918	491,718	71,682	1,235,281	843,872	2,150,835	639,400
1951-52 ..	45,844	977,517	611,789	96,629	1,513,210	1,024,867	2,634,706	769,634
1952-53 ..	47,740	933,261	635,245	109,337	1,527,805	1,082,862	2,720,604	907,980
1953-54 ..	49,576	989,542	705,137	120,458	1,747,973	1,227,045	3,095,476	1,064,146
1954-55 ..	51,056	1,031,082	781,640	128,382	1,940,698	1,365,509	3,434,589	1,254,288

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Includes value of containers, packing, &c., tools replaced and repairs to plant. (d) Value of production equals figures in column (7) less total of figures in columns (4) and (5). (e) Value of goods produced including amounts received for work done.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

States.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
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1938-39.

1. Factories .. No.	9,464	9,250	8,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Persons employed(a) ..	228,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Salaries, Wages paid(b) .. £'000.	44,606	36,027	10,887	8,169	4,574	2,480	106,743
4. Value of fuel, &c., used ..	7,652	4,000	1,423	1,018	1,169	438	15,700
5. " materials used ..	120,502	82,971	42,596	20,309	9,604	5,321	281,303
6. " production(c) ..	90,266	65,996	19,302	13,678	8,776	5,399	203,417
7. " output ..	218,420	152,967	63,321	35,005	19,549	11,158	500,420
8. " land & buildings, ..	57,354	42,026	12,299	8,711	6,814	3,717	130,921
9. " plant & mchnry, ..	62,693	38,627	18,095	9,750	8,095	6,402	143,662

1953-54.

1. Factories .. No.	20,199	15,533	5,199	3,577	3,523	1,545	49,576
2. Persons employed(a) ..	402,595	331,277	98,119	85,503	47,459	24,589	989,542
3. Salaries, wages paid(b) .. £'000.	293,586	236,037	63,433	63,110	31,590	17,381	705,137
4. Value of fuel, &c., used ..	58,447	29,080	10,655	12,500	6,972	2,804	120,458
5. " materials used ..	721,311	548,111	211,451	152,590	72,468	42,042	1,747,973
6. " production(c) ..	520,043	408,314	110,255	100,221	55,147	33,065	1,227,045
7. " output ..	1,299,801	985,505	332,361	265,311	134,587	77,911	3,095,476
8. " land & buildings, ..	196,724	158,389	40,003	36,579	24,739	26,997	483,431
9. " plant & mchnry, ..	233,022	181,058	64,160	46,788	28,195	27,492	580,715

1954-55.

1. Factories .. No.	20,837	15,861	5,284	3,750	3,727	1,597	51,056
2. Persons employed(a) ..	419,810	346,648	100,293	89,565	49,314	25,452	1,031,082
3. Salaries, wages paid(b) .. £'000.	326,615	262,750	68,300	70,373	34,738	18,864	781,640
4. Value of fuel, &c., used ..	60,925	31,767	11,620	12,897	8,046	3,127	128,382
5. " materials used ..	802,617	616,666	224,336	169,136	80,583	47,360	1,940,698
6. " production(c) ..	583,127	452,223	120,061	111,028	60,956	38,114	1,365,509
7. " output ..	1,446,669	1,100,656	356,017	293,061	149,585	88,601	3,434,589
8. " land & buildings, ..	221,519	186,324	46,187	42,133	30,230	29,603	555,996
9. " plant & mchnry, ..	258,596	226,347	76,367	52,145	54,958	29,879	698,292

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Value of production equals figures in line 7 less totals of figures in lines 4 and 5.

Value of Production(a)—Australia.
(£'000.)

Class of Industry.	1938-39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	5,146	21,893	23,287	26,567	31,504
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,572	20,946	22,170	26,229	30,306
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils, Grease	12,456	63,715	67,835	82,317	98,126
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Conveyances	62,435	413,051	421,275	468,298	532,969
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate ..	931	5,438	5,239	6,406	6,857
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods (not dress)	10,918	56,584	64,333	78,558	78,394
VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	3,183	13,623	15,838	16,613	16,917
VIII. Clothing (except Knitted)	16,551	81,058	82,786	93,563	98,417
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco	41,601	141,053	164,333	177,881	186,539
X. Sawmills, Joinery, Boxes, &c., Wood Turning and Carving	9,461	58,082	58,245	65,731	74,237
XI. Furniture of Wood, Bedding, &c. ..	4,200	19,320	19,315	21,367	23,657
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c.	14,559	68,234	68,293	79,312	90,540
XIII. Rubber	2,761	18,045	16,627	21,102	22,725
XIV. Musical Instruments	136	1,416	1,373	1,845	2,065
XV. Miscellaneous Products	2,098	17,179	18,353	23,037	25,585
XVI. Heat, Light and Power	11,409	25,230	33,055	38,219	46,671
Total	203,417	1,024,867	1,082,862	1,227,045	1,365,509

(a) See note (c) on previous page.

Average Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid per Employee.(a)
(£.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39—Males ..	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females ..	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1950-51—Males ..	609.05	610.44	516.83	583.37	515.67	558.67	591.41
Females ..	338.08	355.57	289.82	322.03	279.55	322.46	338.12
1951-52—Males ..	756.84	736.68	625.91	716.25	643.68	687.09	725.57
Females ..	428.40	436.60	354.96	405.70	351.30	404.71	422.04
1952-53—Males ..	807.77	793.11	701.45	779.90	711.80	761.21	782.87
Females ..	473.28	483.46	400.48	451.80	400.32	448.58	467.79
1953-54—Males ..	844.05	833.71	733.34	824.49	754.20	791.86	820.98
Females ..	499.19	510.96	418.23	465.95	421.93	477.84	493.10
1954-55—Males ..	906.61	891.40	773.47	883.13	797.80	833.05	877.84
Females ..	514.94	529.63	431.68	477.11	434.21	487.12	509.56

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

Average Number of Males and Females Employed(a) over whole Year, 1954-55.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males	316,673	251,675	83,290	73,714	42,294	21,045	788,691
Females	103,137	94,973	17,003	15,851	7,020	4,407	242,391
Masculinity(b) ..	307	265	490	465	602	478	325

(a) Includes working proprietors.

(b) Number of males per 100 females.

PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES—AUSTRALIA.

Item.	Unity of Quantity.	1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.(a)	Three Months ended September—	
							1955.	1956.
Beer	Mill. gal.	89	192	209	222	(b) 233	b 54.5	b 49.9
Biscuits	Mill. lb.	73.7	148.3	150.5	150.8	155.7	42.0	41.3
Blankets	Thousand	1,147	939	1,202	1,532	1,638	441	426
Boots, Shoes and Sandals	'000 pair.	13,967	17,970	20,476	19,881	19,632	5,488	5,872
Bricks, Clay	Million.	721	667	802	839	829	228	207
Cement Building Sheets	Mill. sq. yds.	9.5	24.3	26.1	28.1	27.4	7.38	6.42
Cement, Portland	'000 tons	868	1,439	1,700	1,920	2,014	508	554
Cloth, Woven, Woollen(c)	Mill. sq. yds.	31.8	28.6	32.8	28.9	27.2	6.8	8.0
Coal—Black	'000 tons	12,608	18,545	19,424	19,352	19,081	5,488	5,442
Brown	" "	3,663	8,075	8,731	9,668	10,382	2,728	2,879
Confectionery—Chocolate	Mill. lb.	43.5	59.0	62.6	54.3	61.5	17.8	18.0
Other	" "	58.1	76.6	76.9	81.5	83.1	22.2	22.8
Copper, Refined(d)	'000 tons	17.5	19.1	20.9	30.4	29.1	8.3	7.8
Electricity	Mill. kWh	4,688	12,045	13,707	15,172	16,782	4,337	4,806
Electric Motors	Thousand	31.7	601.7	972.9	1183.0	1094.1	298.5	224.0
Enamels, Natural and Synthetic	'000 gal.	575	2,108	2,699	3,642	4,118	1,038	1,058
Engines, Internal Combustion—								
Marine(e)	Number	2,957	1,232	1,357	1,364	1,173	323	346
Other(f)	" "	2,889	21,446	27,467	48,292	97,039	15,742	41,539
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	7,605	15,418	16,185	17,784	17,099	4,670	4,094
Flour, Wheaten	'000 short tons	1,373	1,726	1,609	1,533	1,534	359	432
Fruit, Preserved(g)	Mill. lb.	150.7	228.4	338.6	319.2	300.4	17.7	22.2
Gas(h)	Mill. cub. ft.	21,472	40,722	42,100	43,465	44,629	12,561	13,258
Gold (Mine Production)	'000 fine oz.	1,621	1,038	1,111	1,080	1,033	257	271
Hosiery—Men's and Boy's	'000 doz pr.	1,102	1,575	1,895	1,641	1,570	402	386
Women's and Girls'	" "	2,747	2,759	3,363	3,549	3,289	853	1,000
Children's	" "	4,262	13,425	13,678	14,812	16,023	2,887	2,958
Ice Cream	'000 gal.	1,105	1,692	1,827	1,869	1,910	440	510
Iron and Steel—Pig Iron	'000 tons	1,170	1,801	2,117	2,209	2,339	583	666
Ingot Steel	" "	37.9	34.6	38.3	36.5	36.7	7.80	8.96
Jam	'000 gal.	576	1,013	1,307	1,476	1,491	379.6	351.3
Lacquers	'000 tons	233	192	236	235	225	60	66
Lead(i)	'000 lb.	3,733	6,793	7,253	7,663	7,875	2,117	2,021
Malt, Barley and Wheaten	'000 lb.	7,448	15,856	21,866	21,972	20,012	7,523	9,651
Margarine—Table	" "	31,221	49,337	49,939	49,171	43,384	12,512	12,250
Other	" "	14.4	92.7	71.9	73.8	72.4	18.1	15.0
Meat, Canned(j)	'000 tons	34.0	60.4	73.6	70.0	70.0	19.8	20.3
Newsprint	'000 gal.	2,115	4,300	5,180	6,098	6,575	1,548	1,527
Paints, Ready Mixed	Thousand	29.5	182.1	274.5	280.6	248.0	59.37	48.66
Refrigerators, Domestic	'000 fine oz.	9,455	6,388	8,360	7,627	8,101	2,116	2,120
Silver, Refined	'000 pr.	7,704	6,982	8,632	7,324	7,957	2,067	1,839
Slippers	'000 cwt.	998	1,209	1,247	1,300	1,296	335	308
Soap	Thousand	(m)	22.5	37.2	47.1	46.5	13.49	13.80
Stoves, Cooking(k) Electric (l)	" "	46.7	35.7	43.0	58.8	54.1	20.46	16.77
Gas	" "	54.5	47.0	50.4	49.7	45.9	13.95	12.16
Solid Fuel	'000 tons	339	440	449	482	492	121.2	118.8
Sugar, Refined	" "	24.3	70.2	70.8	78.4	75.0	17.3	27.0
Sulphate of Ammonia	" "	489	627	732	833	895	208	189
Sulphuric Acid (100%)	" "	1,199	1,581	1,771	1,961	2,126	478	385
Superphosphate	Million	39.7	58.0	63.8	63.9	64.6	17.29	15.72
Tiles, Roofing—Terracotta	Mill. sup. ft.	4.5	46.9	44.7	53.7	53.1	14.65	12.02
Cement	Mill. lb.	717	1,340	1,400	1,449	1,454	399	378
Timber, Sawn Native(n)	" "	23.3	36.3	41.8	44.5	45.7	11.48	11.68
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	" "	10.3	66.3	40.3	51.1	78.1	10.15	12.68
Vegetables, Preserved(o)	" "	105	124	137	136	144	33.7	38.3
Wool, Scoured	" "	25.2	26.5	32.8	30.9	34.7	8.40	10.96
Wool Tops	" "	32.5	35.6	45.9	42.6	43.9	11.06	12.11
Yarn, Woollen and Worsted	'000 tons	69.8	86.2	99.2	100.5	103.9	26.6	27.4
Zinc, Refined								

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes waste beer. (c) Includes wool in admixture with fibres other than rayon. (d) Excludes copper refined from imported blister copper. (e) Other than Diesel type. (f) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor and aeroplane. (g) Includes all types of preserved apples. (h) Made in gas-works only. (i) Includes lead content of lead bullion. (j) Excludes canned rabbit and poultry. (k) Domestic. (l) Excludes stoves, cookers, &c. (m) Figures prior to 1948-49 not available on a comparable basis. (n) Includes sawn sleepers. (o) Includes preserved tomatoes.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION^(a)—AUSTRALIA.^(b)

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	1938-39.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53. (c)	1953-54. (d)	1954-55. (e)
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION. (£'000.)							
Agriculture ..	41,679	218,703	208,130	246,685	276,398	268,460	243,919
Pastoral(f) ..	63,820	337,121	704,809	400,493	493,745	491,716	461,464
Dairying ..	33,782	81,102	89,352	103,776	135,745	136,956	135,798
Poultry ..	7,302	22,228	24,614	31,554	35,213	34,782	29,787
Bee-farming(g) ..	123	743	831	774	1,066	1,426	1,398
Total Rural ..	146,706	659,897	1,027,736	783,282	942,167	933,340	872,366
Trapping(g) ..	1,422	5,716	6,629	6,713	5,595	5,074	4,961
Forestry(g) ..	7,811	23,195	23,428	37,905	40,064	41,720	44,163
Fishing and Whaling(g)	1,654	4,234	4,869	5,729	6,897	7,741	8,727
Mining and Quarrying	27,375	52,327	71,150	97,199	109,671	104,875	118,066
Total Non-Rural ..	38,262	85,472	111,076	147,546	162,227	159,410	175,917
Total All Primary ..	184,968	745,369	1,138,812	930,828	1,104,394	1,092,750	1,048,283
Factories ..	203,417	661,532	843,872	1,024,867	1,082,862	1,227,045	1,365,509
Total All Industries	388,385	1,406,901	1,982,684	1,955,695	2,187,256	2,319,795	2,413,792

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

Agriculture ..	6 0 6	27 6 2	25 3 8	29 1 3	31 16 1	30 6 4	26 16 8
Pastoral(f) ..	9 4 7	42 1 11	85 5 7	47 3 8	56 16 2	55 10 7	50 15 4
Dairying ..	4 17 9	10 2 6	10 16 3	12 4 6	15 12 4	15 9 4	14 18 9
Poultry ..	1 1 1	2 15 7	2 19 7	3 14 4	4 1 1	3 18 7	3 5 6
Bee-farming(g)	0 0 4	0 1 11	0 2 0	0 1 10	0 2 5	0 3 2	0 3 1
Total Rural ..	21 4 3	82 8 1	124 7 1	92 5 7	108 8 1	105 8 0	95 19 4
Trapping(g) ..	0 4 1	0 14 3	0 16 1	0 15 10	0 12 11	0 11 6	0 10 11
Forestry(g) ..	1 2 7	2 17 11	3 8 10	4 9 3	4 12 2	4 14 3	4 17 2
Fishing and Whaling(g)	0 4 10	0 10 7	0 11 9	0 13 6	0 15 11	0 17 6	0 19 3
Mining and Quarrying	3 19 2	6 10 9	8 12 2	11 9 0	12 12 4	11 16 10	12 19 9
Total Non-Rural ..	5 10 8	10 13 6	13 8 10	17 7 7	18 13 4	18 0 1	19 7 1
Total All Primary ..	26 14 11	93 1 7	137 15 11	109 13 2	127 1 5	123 8 1	115 6 5
Factories ..	29 8 4	82 12 2	102 2 2	120 14 10	124 11 11	138 11 5	150 4 4
Total All Industries	56 3 3	175 13 9	239 18 1	230 8 0	251 13 4	261 19 6	265 10 9

(a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, &c.
 Northern Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory for Mining and Quarrying. (d) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory for Mining and Quarrying. (e) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (f) Distributions of profits from the 1939-45 War-time Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded. (g) Local value.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION^(a) 1954-55.

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust. ^(b)
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION. (£'000.)							
Agriculture	48,711	61,516	59,656	39,180	23,483	11,240	243,919
Pastoral(c)	175,446	112,196	82,180	45,220	36,194	7,647	461,464
Dairying	44,748	46,428	25,070	10,666	3,226	5,510	135,798
Poultry	12,839	11,796	1,097	1,706	1,363	881	29,787
Bee-farming(d) ..	736	353	70	126	97	15	1,398
Total Rural	282,480	232,289	168,073	96,398	64,363	25,293	872,866
Trapping(d)	1,923	2,152	152	379	168	165	4,961
Forestry(d)	13,686	9,987	7,895	4,427	3,866	4,037	44,168
Fishing and Whaling(d)	2,739	849	1,275	1,046	2,149	566	8,727
Mining and Quarrying ..	63,965	8,146	15,934	7,074	14,782	7,057	118,066
Total Non-rural ..	82,313	21,134	25,256	12,926	20,965	11,815	175,917
Total All Primary ..	364,793	253,423	193,329	109,324	85,328	37,108	1,048,283
Factories	583,127	452,223	120,061	111,028	60,956	33,114	1,365,509
Total All Industries..	947,920	705,646	313,390	220,352	146,284	75,222	2,413,792

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION. (£ s. d.)

Agriculture	14 1 7	24 14 6	45 0 8	48 10 5	36 3 9	35 18 8	26 16 8
Pastoral(c)	50 14 4	45 1 10	62 0 1	56 0 0	55 15 6	24 8 8	50 15 4
Dairying	12 18 8	18 13 2	18 18 4	13 4 2	4 19 5	17 12 1	14 18 9
Poultry	3 14 3	4 14 10	0 16 7	2 2 3	2 2 0	2 16 3	3 5 6
Bee-farming(d) ..	0 4 3	0 2 10	0 1 1	0 3 1	0 3 0	0 1 0	0 3 1
Total Rural	81 13 1	93 7 2	126 16 4	119 19 11	99 3 8	80 16 3	95 19 4
Trapping(d)	0 11 2	0 17 4	0 2 3	0 9 5	0 5 2	0 10 7	0 10 11
Forestry(d)	3 19 1	4 0 3	5 19 2	5 9 8	5 19 2	12 17 11	4 17 2
Fishing and Whaling(d)	0 15 10	0 6 10	0 19 3	1 5 11	3 6 3	1 15 6	0 19 3
Mining and Quarrying ..	18 9 9	3 5 6	12 0 6	8 15 2	22 15 7	22 11 0	12 19 9
Total Non-Rural ..	23 15 10	8 9 11	19 1 2	16 0 2	32 6 2	37 15 0	19 7 1
Total All Primary ..	105 8 11	101 17 1	145 17 6	136 0 1	131 9 10	118 11 3	115 6 5
Factories	168 11 1	131 15 1	90 11 9	137 9 11	93 18 8	121 15 6	150 4 4
Total All Industries..	274 0 0	233 12 2	236 9 3	273 10 0	225 8 6	240 6 9	265 10 9

(a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, &c.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(c) Distributions of profits from the War time Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded.

(d) Local value.

INDEXES OF QUANTUM^(a) OF FARM PRODUCTION.

(Base: Average 1936-37 to 1938-39=100.)

Year.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products other than Wool.
1950-51	108	109	106	109	116	107
1951-52	103	105	97	103	112	100
1952-53	121	126	108	121	131	118
1953-54	129	123	107	122	128	120
1954-55 ^(b)	120	127	117	123	132	120

(a) Indexes of Value at constant prices, i.e. quantities revalued at average unit values of base years (1936-37 to 1938-39).

(b) Subject to revision.

Section III.—Building.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED, THREE MONTHS ENDED
30th SEPTEMBER, 1956.(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)
(£'000.)

Kind of Building.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
Houses ..	16,493	17,816	4,323	5,842	3,756	2,166	783	421	51,600
Flats ..	617	516	75	29	322	65	22	(a)	1,646
Shops ..	1,094	910	301	251	230	66	57	29	2,938
Business Premises—									
Office ..	2,373	904	695	123	(b)	57	65	45	4,322
Other ..	1,170	1,541	766	469	727	92			4,794
Factories ..	4,695	3,100	302	436	177	193	18	27	8,943
Hotels, Guest Houses, &c. ..	929	922	276	..	(b)	..	128	172	2,197
Educational ..	1,182	910	602	253	162	(b)			3,236
Religious ..	310	286	36	68	154	..			869
Health ..	1,334	953	647	163	211	(b)			3,345
Entertainment and Recreation	672	543	206	51	245	104	95		1,828
Miscellaneous ..	936	553	324	216	342	95			2,672
Total ..	31,805	28,954	8,553	7,901	6,485	2,930	1,073	694	88,395

(a) Included with houses.

(b) Not available for publication.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)
(£'000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
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COMMENCED.

1951-52 ..	83,460	78,740	27,605	22,606	13,724	11,004	2,559	(a)	244,698
1952-53 ..	71,005	60,244	25,680	25,819	20,919	8,611	2,788	(a)	215,096
1953-54 ..	111,097	87,733	27,839	25,649	26,369	9,274	2,856	(a)	290,767
1954-55 ..	124,420	101,995	32,073	29,946	35,458	10,836	5,932	1,605	342,265
1955-56 ..	135,300	121,570	35,024	43,202	26,972	9,889	4,708	2,300	379,465
Three Months Ended—									
September, 1955 ..	36,731	30,070	9,759	10,690	8,399	2,458	1,634	696	100,437
September, 1956 ..	37,913	29,366	13,478	7,753	4,582	3,125	983	508	97,708

COMPLETED.

1951-52 ..	76,207	68,925	25,339	18,123	14,426	10,511	2,723	(a)	216,254
1952-53 ..	98,049	76,593	26,233	25,882	22,918	10,665	2,875	(a)	263,215
1953-54 ..	101,545	85,250	25,913	26,108	25,785	9,692	3,878	(a)	273,171
1954-55 ..	110,694	97,886	28,318	27,081	34,096	10,649	2,943	1,653	313,320
1955-56 ..	124,138	110,932	30,519	33,717	33,678	12,798	4,287	1,935	352,004
Three Months Ended—									
September, 1955 ..	30,397	24,476	7,413	7,528	9,546	3,469	1,220	450	84,499
September, 1956 ..	31,805	28,954	8,553	7,901	6,485	2,930	1,073	694	88,395

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

1951-52 ..	(b)						*		(b)
1952-53 ..	125,674	102,278	18,728	23,813	22,302	13,770	6,208	(b)	312,773
1953-54 ..	105,261	93,139	17,838	25,253	23,189	10,494	7,161	(b)	283,335
1954-55 ..	120,460	99,372	19,699	23,730	25,701	11,782	7,249	(b)	307,993
1955-56 ..	136,522	106,196	23,445	26,854	29,102	12,399	10,643	1,573	346,735
1955-56 ..	157,617	123,445	28,210	36,996	25,550	9,864	11,240	1,967	394,889
September, 1955 ..	145,075	113,327	25,890	30,216	30,334	11,439	11,099	1,826	369,206
September, 1956 ..	162,387	125,751	33,269	38,256	24,080	10,066	11,179	1,796	406,784

(a) Not available.

(b) Partly estimated.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED, THREE MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1956.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Material of Outer Walls.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T. (a)	Aust.
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone ..	1,148	1,837	136	1,513	693	231	104	14	5,676
Wood (Weatherboard, &c.) ..	1,604	3,207	1,257	27	6	529	69	5	6,704
Fibro Cement ..	2,575	288	302	304	580	18	2	80	4,149
Other ..	7	138	20	2	2	..	..	..	169
Total ..	5,334	5,470	1,715	1,846	1,281	778	175	99	16,698

(a) Includes flats.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES. (INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T. (a)	Aust.
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COMMENCED.

1951-52 ..	24,364	23,506	11,995	8,510	7,730	3,584	312	(b)	80,001
1952-53 ..	21,030	16,254	9,381	7,967	7,012	2,285	528	(b)	64,457
1953-54 ..	28,395	20,915	8,513	6,792	7,608	2,665	355	(b)	75,243
1954-55 ..	25,502	22,674	7,784	7,190	8,575	2,867	640	249	75,481
1955-56 ..	24,437	21,245	7,173	8,377	6,336	2,490	499	341	70,898
Three Months Ended—									
September, 1955 ..	6,849	5,529	1,950	2,348	1,919	586	222	88	19,491
September, 1956 ..	5,904	4,843	2,214	1,742	1,173	510	100	103	16,589

COMPLETED.

1951-52 ..	23,351	24,088	11,803	7,711	6,577	3,999	584	(b)	78,113
1952-53 ..	24,890	21,241	10,598	8,940	7,965	3,314	590	(b)	77,538
1953-54 ..	26,513	21,593	8,961	7,522	7,627	2,630	552	(b)	75,398
1954-55 ..	28,882	23,839	7,925	7,323	8,792	2,480	398	199	79,838
1955-56 ..	26,369	22,652	7,396	7,721	7,760	2,721	605	312	75,536
Three Months Ended—									
September, 1955 ..	7,000	5,679	1,981	1,903	1,951	579	132	76	19,301
September, 1956 ..	5,334	5,470	1,715	1,846	1,281	778	175	99	16,698

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

1951-52 ..	(c) 32,806	26,726	5,135	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	(b)	(c) 82,830
1952-53 ..	28,946	21,675	3,918	6,464	5,951	2,114	646	(b)	69,714
1953-54 ..	30,828	20,995	3,470	5,750	5,932	2,149	449	(b)	69,573
1954-55 ..	27,448	19,827	3,329	5,602	5,715	2,536	691	211	65,359
1955-56 ..	25,516	18,399	3,106	6,252	4,284	2,305	585	240	60,687
September, 1955 ..	27,297	19,677	3,298	6,047	5,676	2,543	781	223	65,542
September, 1956 ..	26,086	17,772	3,605	6,145	4,176	2,037	510	243	60,574

(a) Includes flats.

(b) Not available.

(c) Partly estimated.

NUMBER OF NEW FLATS COMPLETED.(a) (INDIVIDUAL FLATS.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
1951-52 ..	1,225	416	29	..	215	21	100	(b)	2,006
1952-53 ..	1,664	692	53	58	100	14	46	(b)	2,627
1953-54 ..	1,011	689	156	99	212	13	..	(b)	2,180
1954-55 ..	701	781	309	105	316	43	12	(c)	2,272
1955-56 ..	776	1,273	200	86	584	49	..	(c)	2,968
Three Months Ended—									
September, 1955 ..	187	244	44	39	100	25	..	(c)	639
September, 1956(d)	248	174	44	13	158	21	8	(c)	666

(a) Figures are additional to numbers of houses shown above. Each flat is counted as a separate unit, and the numbers shown relate to individual flats. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. (b) Not available. (c) Included with houses. (d) In this period 462 flats were commenced, and 2,323 flats were under construction at the end of the period in Australia.

Section IV.—Oversea Trade.

COMPILED FROM INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

OVERSEA TRADE—STATES.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.
IMPORTS.					
New South Wales	53,088	210,148	280,537	346,096	336,976
Victoria	40,463	173,775	237,683	297,494	299,340
Queensland	9,070	43,222	55,631	68,883	61,738
South Australia	6,670	43,275	51,472	64,804	62,752
Western Australia	6,137	29,874	42,595	50,648	46,482
Tasmania	1,292	13,315	13,049	15,129	12,641
Northern Territory	34	500	642	688	1,155
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4
Australia	116,754	514,109	681,609	843,742	821,088
EXPORTS.(a)					
New South Wales	45,903	270,082	263,175	220,657	225,650
Victoria	30,819	228,118	203,581	216,572	209,396
Queensland	28,652	145,098	165,105	154,483	152,145
South Australia	14,841	122,948	110,249	95,079	97,666
Western Australia	17,070	83,143	68,459	68,507	76,143
Tasmania	3,198	21,849	17,733	18,762	20,305
Northern Territory	13	34	30	104	559
Australia	140,496	871,272	828,332	774,164	781,864

(a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

OVERSEA TRADE—AUSTRALIA.
(f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.				
			Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.		
								Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.
1938-39 ..	£A'000 257,250	£A'000 116,754	£A'000 135,476	£A'000 5,020	£A'000 140,496	£ 37.1	£ 16.8	£ 19.6	£ 0.7	£ 20.3
1952-53 ..	1,385,381	514,109	863,291	7,981	871,272	158.6	58.9	98.8	0.9	99.7
1953-54 ..	1,509,941	681,609	820,057	8,275	828,332	169.6	76.6	92.1	0.9	93.0
1954-55 ..	1,617,906	843,742	765,883	8,281	774,164	178.0	92.8	84.3	0.9	85.2
1955-56 ..	1,602,952	821,088	768,090	13,774	781,864	172.1	88.1	82.5	1.5	84.0
Three months ended—										
Sept., 1955 ..	376,533	208,242	164,636	3,655	168,291	40.8	22.6	17.8	0.4	18.2
Sept., 1956 ..	377,819	190,263	184,236	3,320	187,556	40.0	20.1	19.5	0.4	19.9

(a) Excludes the value of stores shipped in Australian ports on board overseas ships. The values of Ships' stores in £A'000 were: 1938-39, £2,106; 1952-53, £11,696; 1953-54, £10,266; 1954-55, £13,181; and 1955-56, £13,539.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)		
	Mer- chandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Mer- chandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Mer- chandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
1938-39 ..	113,217	3,537	116,754	121,533	18,963	140,496	+8,316	+15,426	+23,742
1952-53 ..	510,342	3,767	514,109	848,498	22,774	871,272	+338,156	+19,007	+357,163
1953-54 ..	678,590	3,019	681,609	811,866	16,466	828,332	+133,276	+13,447	+146,723
1954-55 ..	840,972	2,770	843,742	758,041	16,123	774,164	-82,931	+13,353	-69,578
1955-56 ..	818,293	2,795	821,088	770,837	11,027	781,864	-47,456	+8,232	-39,224
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1955 ..	20,7592	650	208,242	161,051	7,240	168,291	-46,541	+6,590	-39,951
Sept., 1956 ..	189,745	518	190,263	179,541	8,015	187,556	-10,204	+7,497	-2,707

IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Statistical Class.	United Kingdom.	Borneo (British).	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	South Africa, Union of.	Bahrein Islands.	Belgium-Luxemburg.	Brazil.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	259	..	126	..	..	..	287	..	122	..	..	..
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ; non-alcoholic beverages ..	72	59	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	359	..	..	2,748	410	41	154	5	4	..	2	69
4. Tobacco ..	128	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Live animals ..	23	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	4	..
6. Animal substances, not foodstuffs ..	66	..	5	..	171	3	131	..	..	..	..	..
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ; cork and manufactures ; and synthetic fibres ..	153	13	4	59	300	15	213	2	108	..	64	186
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	11,154	..	15	3	4,899	2	2	..	..	..	539	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	318	2,156	..	..	528	27	34	114	49	1,617	104	22
10. Pigments, paints varnishes ..	820	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	101	..	238	7	20	24	4	..	275	..	2	..
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	48,702	..	2,844	..	9	37	53	19	17	..	607	..
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	796	..	164	17	18	2,068	18	6	..	..	1	..
14. Wood and wicker ..	74	441	1,021	..	4	387	349	2	..	..	9	..
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	2,104	..	86	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	4,842	..	1,211	..	52	..	1,497	..	17	..	310	..
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time-pieces ..	697	..	..	3	9	..	2	..	96	..	46	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	1,260	..	81	..	..	..	2	2	4	..	12	..
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products &c. ..	3,456	..	88	9	5	3	10	..	100	..	79	1
20. Miscellaneous ..	6,076	1	938	76	65	18	93	10	118	..	81	2
21. Gold and silver ; bronze specie ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	..	..	..	..	..
Three months ended—												
September, 1956 ..	81,460	2,670	6,832	2,922	6,487	2,625	3,296	160	928	1,617	1,897	280
September, 1955 ..	86,635	2,489	7,064	1,702	8,128	4,785	1,978	337	1,032	4,823	2,476	527
Year 1955-56 ..	355,912	9,801	23,306	8,632	23,469	16,230	8,531	1,453	4,001	14,862	11,579	1,332
„ 1954-55 ..	378,669	15,521	23,840	19,516	26,057	12,797	8,042	2,492	4,840	15,319	12,234	2,132
„ 1953-54 ..	331,701	8,439	18,742	13,490	18,475	8,721	6,854	8,599	3,875	10,410	7,063	1,851
„ 1952-53 ..	214,702	5,998	19,546	9,786	14,646	5,798	3,999	5,858	3,101	14,912	5,506	901
„ 1933-39 ..	46,094	215	8,806	957	3,272	1,029	2,087	(a)	291	744	1,122	81

(a) Included with Federation of Malaya,

Imports into Australia of the Produce or Manufacture of the Undermentioned Countries—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Statistical Class.	Czecho- slovakia.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of	Indonesia.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway.	Iran.	Sweden.	United States of America.	Total All Coun- tries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	1	1	63	..	21	128	7	114	..	1	45	1,289
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	6	60	17	925	191	1	186	2	..	1	4	6,956
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	..	33	2	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	1	417
4. Tobacco ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	34	..	..	..	401	1,930
5. Live animals ..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	178
6. Animal substances, not food- stuffs ..	..	17	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	9	9	950
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufac- tures: and synthetic fibres ..	..	18	158	156	45	17	20	8	7	20	750	4,536
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	413	935	1,194	2	1,029	1,573	858	28	1	31	144	25,579
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	..	77	46	4,739	104	..	38	7	5,757	5	1,423	22,296
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	2	172	..	80	166	16	1	..	..	320	1,701
11. Rocks, minerals and hydro- carbons ..	..	1	9	15	15	2	9	3	..	11	396	1,269
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	74	1,016	3,837	1	610	819	747	297	..	989	12,262	73,864
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	..	52	33	..	73	5	1	..	..	11	998	4,638
14. Wood and Wicker ..	4	6	12	27	11	32	2	298	..	316	1,259	4,909
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	72	119	160	..	29	256	9	4	..	32	225	3,531
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac- tures and stationery ..	71	11	216	..	46	35	188	453	..	1,564	400	11,465
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time- pieces ..	57	25	509	..	55	197	20	15	..	10	9	2,189
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	8	29	377	..	60	58	42	..	..	11	549	2,615
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, &c. ..	1	255	1,000	1	83	38	457	49	..	49	514	7,657
20. Miscellaneous ..	54	122	621	71	189	125	217	36	..	139	1,525	11,776
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	518
Three months ended— September, 1956 ..	761	2,785	8,430	5,938	2,648	3,452	2,802	1,315	5,765	3,199	21,245	190,263
September, 1955 ..	790	4,368	9,234	4,786	3,629	6,870	3,916	1,279	4,646	3,252	21,717	208,242
Year 1955-56 ..	2,728	15,626	34,998	22,401	11,821	22,592	13,233	5,786	22,819	12,048	98,790	821,088
" 1954-55 ..	2,331	14,639	30,838	22,529	11,740	18,422	13,081	6,510	5,934	13,516	102,157	843,742
" 1953-54 ..	2,147	11,793	21,365	21,972	11,182	6,545	9,618	4,737	47	10,230	73,254	681,609
" 1952-53 ..	1,019	9,253	13,582	21,544	5,225	4,692	5,954	2,420	323	6,786	85,168	514,109
" 1938-39 ..	572	1,172	(a) 4,710	8,117	781	4,666	799	432	956	1,079	16,699	(b) 116,754

(a) Pre-War Germany.

(b) Includes outside packages not distributed according to countries.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Statistical Class.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	Hong Kong.	India.	Ireland, Republic of	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium-Luxemburg.	Egypt.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	14,715	465	477	353	403	..	654	23	1,189	11	376	121
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	12,057	2,923	1,822	842	5,063	..	700	4,305	725	10	430	75
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	209	164	1	2	1	..	13	26	4	..	..	..
4. Tobacco ..	33	..	1	..	..	..	..	23	8	..	..	..
5. Live animals ..	1	..	..	9	5	..	11	10	113	..	1	..
6. Animal substances, not foodstuffs ..	17,454	409	..	155	459	295	..	97	1	193	4,908	7
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; and synthetic fibres ..	138	4	..	..	2	..	..	67	..	1	22	..
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	60	8	..	10	8	..	1	183	6	1	2	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	305	1	233	6	200	..	155	361	155	31	10	20
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	2	5	1	4	..	..	1	96	6	..	..	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	879	34	..	..	7	..	13	111	1	16	639	..
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	4,916	41	91	147	610	10	191	3,743	264	426	53	..
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	399	2	1	113	5	..	8	88	36	14	2	..
14. Wood and wicker ..	124	4	3	6	4	2	..	297	1	9	2	..
15. Earthenware, cement, china glass and stoneware ..	8	..	..	..	26	..	..	118	6	2	..	..
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	79	..	4	..	1	..	11	505	15	12	..	..
17. Sporting-material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	28	2	3	5	..	..	..	65	1	4	..	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	20	..	..	2	2	..	2	181	5	8	1	..
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, &c. ..	60	9	11	15	18	..	36	301	38	30	..	2
20. Miscellaneous ..	320	13	36	53	23	1	96	866	252	19	1	6
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie ..	33	..	548	4,424	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..
Three months ended—												
September, 1956 ..	51,840	4,084	3,232	6,146	6,837	308	1,892	11,484	2,826	787	6,447	231
September, 1956 ..	54,317	5,151	2,122	7,565	1,660	166	2,722	11,504	2,759	468	4,689	272
Year 1955-56 ..	257,414	10,911	8,687	14,053	12,159	1,536	9,337	40,928	12,100	2,438	26,173	1,774
„ 1954-55 ..	235,506	10,503	8,723	17,315	19,428	3,292	8,410	37,794	11,600	2,860	31,252	1,878
„ 1953-54 ..	300,765	11,037	11,847	7,773	14,293	2,186	9,143	33,469	11,283	3,588	32,063	3,073
„ 1952-53 ..	359,257	8,712	14,637	4,855	17,148	4,354	9,344	28,677	12,794	3,640	32,141	3,374
„ 1933-39 ..	68,716	1,994	1,327	475	1,965	327	1,911	6,682	(a)	813	5,547	601

(a) Included with Federation of Malaya.

Exports from Australia to the Undermentioned Countries—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Statistical Class.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of	Indonesia.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Iran.	Poland.	Sweden.	U.S.S.R.	United States of America.	Total, All Countries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	20	157	120	104	119	35	89	..	1	..	477	22,439
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ; non-alcoholic beverages ..	976	2,081	576	177	4,756	454	4	..	1	..	21	44,080
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	615
4. Tobacco ..	..	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	137
5. Live animals ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	331
6. Animal substances, not food- stuffs ..	13,929	3,622	..	3,264	18,160	306	35	2,202	106	..	2,290	71,336
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufac- tures and synthetic fibres ..	4	34	1	2	1	6	..	..	1	..	302	640
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	4	6	..	102	71	2	..	..	..	..	11	621
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	1	96	3	91	82	310	..	..	..	..	..	3,332
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	12	21	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	11	285
11. Rocks, minerals and hydro- carbons ..	125	150	..	141	1,550	232	..	..	62	..	3,491	8,062
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	17	90	357	82	810	144	1	18	3	..	4,300	18,829
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	..	2	10	5	1	1	..	..	4	..	2	837
14. Wood and wicker ..	..	4	..	..	..	19	2	..	..	..	8	598
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	275
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac- tures and stationery ..	1	..	5	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	12	769
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery, and time- pieces ..	..	11	..	..	18	3	..	..	..	..	20	182
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	..	28	1	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	37	298
19. Chemicals, medicinal and phar- macetical products, &c. ..	1	1	1	..	130	1	2	..	..	..	116	1,063
20. Miscellaneous ..	41	19	34	19	70	42	..	..	138	1	189	4,812
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,975	8,015
Three months ended—												
September, 1956 ..	15,119	6,314	1,131	3,993	25,801	1,558	133	2,222	316	1	14,314	187,556
September, 1955 ..	12,048	5,051	1,060	4,598	16,925	884	57	2,022	465	..	12,402	168,291
Year 1955-56 ..	67,314	36,431	6,705	34,621	86,490	6,192	744	8,253	3,483	..	55,004	781,864
" 1954-55 ..	64,056	31,823	3,702	35,915	58,572	6,857	292	6,243	3,241	154	52,440	744,164
" 1953-54 ..	74,401	27,096	6,585	51,326	55,698	5,578	198	7,286	3,601	26,146	55,534	828,332
" 1952-53 ..	76,016	22,366	5,064	44,706	83,958	8,081	327	3,644	2,888	1,642	57,837	871,272
" 1938-39 ..	9,386	(a) 2,652	1,380	1,211	4,865	1,039	3	426	637	278	19,562	140,496

(a) Pre-War Germany.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.
(£A'000.)

Statistical Class and Excise Division.	Year ended June.		Three months ended September.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CUSTOMS.				
1. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin	371	432	113	65
2. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin	1,558	1,346	243	386
3. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	2,621	2,713	640	705
4. Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	15,839	12,546	3,361	3,140
5. Live Animals .. .. .	..	..	..	..
6. Animal Substances (mainly unmanufactured) not foodstuffs	7	18	7	1
7. Vegetable Substances and Fibres	209	256	65	55
8a. Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	714	545	151	112
8b. Textiles	10,201	9,180	2,741	1,747
8c. Apparel	2,699	2,475	727	518
9. Oils, Fats and Waxes	23,137	19,337	4,793	3,466
10. Pigments, Paints and Varnishes	138	145	37	41
11. Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons	45	34	10	9
12a. Metals and Metal Manufactures	15,215	12,415	3,294	2,957
12b. Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances &c.	2,566	2,669	650	813
12c. Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)	8,575	8,118	1,905	1,972
13a. Rubber and Rubber Manufactures	1,395	1,302	372	278
13b. Leather and Leather Manufactures	100	107	27	23
14. Wood and Wicker, raw and Manufactured	1,568	1,569	473	378
15. Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware	2,207	2,309	681	486
16a. Pulp, Paper and Board	888	680	174	145
16b. Paper Manufactures and Stationery	564	567	170	121
17. Sporting Material, Toys, Jewellery and Timepieces	2,912	2,822	1,010	641
18. Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments, &c.	1,155	1,242	321	300
19. Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, &c.	1,228	1,226	329	283
20. Miscellaneous Goods (including Passengers' Baggage and Post Office Collections)	2,140	2,532	683	549
Sundry Undistributed Duties	199	267	74	47
Duties under Industries Preservation Act	25	8	3	3
Customs other Miscellaneous Receipts	362	332	66	106
Total Customs	98,638	87,192	23,120	19,347
Primage	8,681	7,733	2,287	1,332
Total Customs and Primage	107,319	94,925	25,407	20,679
EXCISE.				
Beer	76,380	85,345	17,942	22,191
Spirits	6,502	7,327	1,983	2,375
Tobacco	15,147	14,850	3,657	4,225
Cigars and Cigarettes	29,033	36,518	8,254	11,080
Petrol	12,908	21,214	4,175	8,671
Playing Cards	50	48	13	14
Cigarette Papers and Tubes	1,007	806	225	226
Matches	1,097	1,062	274	268
Coal	600	566	150	159
Other Excise including Licences	469	500	146	113
Total Excise	143,193	168,226	36,819	49,422
Total Gross Customs, Primage and Excise Revenue	250,512	263,251	62,226	70,101
Refunds and Drawback Paid	6,109	7,480	1,932	1,508
Total Net Customs, Primage and Excise Revenue	244,403	255,771	60,294	68,593

**VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM
AUSTRALIA.**

IMPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		Three Months ended September.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Cheese	360	303	114	67
Fish—				
Fresh or preserved by cold process ..	1,519	1,616	504	358
Preserved in airtight containers ..	3,531	4,263	1,148	547
Other	561	595	202	99
Lactose	110	153	42	53
Meats—				
Sausage casings (excluding synthetic)	615	349	105	79
Other	73	77	32	24
Other foodstuffs of animal origin ..	265	210	50	62
Total, Class I. .. .	7,034	7,566	2,197	1,289
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.				
Cocoa butter	2,411	1,142	455	211
Cocoa beans, mass, paste or slab ..	4,560	2,566	248	1,090
Coffee and chicory	2,353	2,163	255	639
Confectionery, including cocoa and choco- late	321	281	100	36
Fruit, dried, dates	352	194	12	1
Grain and pulse	258	416	80	92
Hops	395	598	56	16
Nuts, edible	1,138	1,117	404	293
Pickles and sauces	153	118	27	31
Sago and tapioca	64	76	39	13
Spices	805	668	193	174
Sugar and sugar syrups	191	165	7	7
Tea	21,744	11,196	1,527	3,916
Vegetables, preserved in airtight containers	499	538	250	230
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	681	821	185	207
Total, Class II. .. .	35,925	22,059	3,838	6,956
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, beer, porter, cider and perry ..	46	29	8	4
Spirits (beverages)—				
Whisky	1,561	1,623	400	338
Other	294	342	97	54
Wine, fermented	127	106	29	21
Total, Class III. .. .	2,028	2,100	534	417

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment).

Particulars.	Year ended June.		Three Months ended September.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes	2,393	851	361	102
Cigars	107	129	30	37
Snuff .. .. .	..	1	..	1
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	133	120	21	47
Unmanufactured	14,683	15,114	3,741	1,743
Total, Class IV.	17,316	16,215	4,153	1,930
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	693	727	184	178
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Coarse hair and fibre	596	977	198	173
Hides and skins—				
Calf and cattle	108	58	26	15
Furred skins	538	551	143	92
Goat	303	210	69	65
Other	71	85	14	22
Shells	248	228	59	45
Wool	2,003	1,635	348	442
Other animal substances	241	256	65	96
Total, Class VI.	4,108	4,000	922	950
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Copra	2,575	2,207	499	881
Cork and manufactures	668	608	173	128
Fibres—				
Coir	271	221	54	53
Cotton, raw	8,558	6,297	1,252	1,610
Flax and hemp	165	315	17	84
Jute	530	437	154	140
Kapok	366	276	96	54
Sisal .. .. .	..	1,423	217	342
Synthetic fibres and filaments	972	1,438	358	323
Other	1,425	122	30	36
Gums and resins	1,362	1,668	511	397
Seeds—				
Gardening, agricultural and horticultural	1,418	1,381	366	261
Linseed	49	136	109	..
Other oil seeds	198	54	4	22
Tanning substances	649	603	149	142
Other vegetable substances	255	296	78	63
Total, Class VII.	19,461	17,482	4,067	4,536

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		Three Months ended September.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
<i>(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—</i>				
Bags and sacks—				
Corn and flour	8,478	8,057	3,815	2,000
Woolpacks	3,045	1,823	672	1,100
Other	120	304	70	96
Cordage and twines and manufac- tures thereof	421	335	109	77
Sewing and other cotton ..	2,257	2,100	606	540
Yarns—				
Cotton	3,255	2,495	550	663
Hair	276	308	40	37
Synthetic fibre	8,990	8,922	2,325	2,439
Woollen	207	184	21	35
Other	111	173	55	35
Waste materials and scrap from textile articles	44	28	6	14
Total, Class VIII.(a)	27,204	24,729	8,269	7,036
<i>(b) Textiles—</i>				
Blankets and blanketing ..	286	269	37	44
Floor coverings	12,052	10,364	2,818	1,749
Articles of furnishing, drapery and napery—				
Handkerchiefs, serviettes and tablecloths	1,402	1,367	567	329
Other	638	564	178	127
Piece-goods—				
Canvas and duck	1,398	1,264	344	320
Cotton and linen	42,921	35,156	10,671	8,855
Fabrics and felts, impregnated ..	981	884	228	164
Jute, including hessians and brattice cloth	2,636	3,074	1,033	704
Synthetic fibre	15,641	13,098	4,530	2,525
Silk	1,066	982	347	165
Velvets, velveteens, &c. ..	1,668	1,568	202	125
Woollen	1,703	1,438	229	183
Felts	616	581	154	178
Other	1,025	2,877	814	381
Towels and towelling	1,358	962	279	204
Other textiles	574	673	164	156
Total, Class VIII.(b)	85,965	75,121	22,595	16,209
<i>(c) Apparel—</i>				
Buttons, including snap fasteners ..	347	321	82	63
Footwear	953	845	313	177
Garments—				
Knitted—				
Hosiery	1,143	537	120	55
Outerwear	733	345	50	20
Underwear	199	95	19	10
Other	96	309	36	25

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		Three Months ended September.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—continued.				
(c) <i>Apparel—continued.</i>				
Garments—continued.				
Not knitted—				
Outerwear	1,190	1,057	186	115
Sleeping wear, underwear, shirts and other sewn garments	264	296	117	108
Gloves	1,627	1,357	367	261
Hats and caps	939	920	237	227
Trimmings and ornaments—				
Embroidery in the piece ..	487	918	257	386
Lace, nets and veilings ..	2,898	2,108	781	420
Ribbons and galloons ..	381	295	91	54
Other	1,294	1,175	377	223
Other apparel	1,033	891	242	190
Total, Class VIII.(c)	13,584	11,469	3,275	2,334
Total, Class VIII.	126,753	111,319	34,139	25,579
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats, greases and waxes	1,190	898	219	252
Oils—				
Castor	201	227	19	65
Linseed	1,386	1,247	434	630
Olive	821	702	221	237
Peanut (china)	338	395	92	215
Petroleum—				
Crude	28,552	44,260	8,578	12,038
Kerosene (including aviation turbine fuel)	7,705	7,399	2,086	1,830
Lubricating (mineral)	5,509	5,584	1,219	1,395
Residual and solar	13,807	5,910	2,554	763
Spirit	34,052	27,871	8,845	3,445
Turpentine substitutes	932	1,187	205	287
Other	693	2,320	191	740
Tung (china wood)	313	493	100	90
Other	1,419	1,147	292	309
Total, Class IX.	96,918	99,640	25,055	22,296
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Colour pigments—				
Black	1,447	1,444	216	314
Titanium oxide and titanium white ..	1,406	1,456	263	592
Other	1,047	1,042	175	248
Dyes, natural and synthetic, including lakes				
Paints, colours and varnishes	1,750	1,737	492	486
	250	258	68	61
Total, Class X.	5,900	5,937	1,214	1,701

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	Year ended June.		Three Months ended September.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDRO-CARBONS.				
Abrasives (natural)	597	607	136	125
Asbestos	3,247	2,395	745	414
Sulphur	2,720	2,740	494	322
Other rocks, minerals, &c. ..	1,670	1,551	368	408
Total, Class XI.	8,234	7,293	1,743	1,269
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—</i>				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloys (excluding wire and cable)	4,164	4,397	1,108	1,312
Bolts, nuts, rivets and washers ..	667	696	159	170
Chain and chains of base metal ..	678	784	187	189
Copper and copper-base alloys (excluding wire and cable)—				
Pig	9,712	2,085	1,102	62
Other	1,992	1,510	352	267
Cutlery	2,522	2,400	648	499
Fencing posts and droppers ..	717	437	176	34
Heating and cooking appliances ..	1,421	1,231	318	230
Iron and steel (including special ferro-alloys)—				
Bars, rods, hoop, ingots, &c... ..	9,708	13,719	3,397	2,059
Ferro-alloys (mainly in lump form)	1,066	1,729	272	494
Pig, scrap and powder	13	15	3	8
Pipes, tubes and fittings therefor	2,603	1,398	435	365
Plate and sheet—				
Galvanized	5,529	2,293	869	6
Plain	9,509	7,054	2,105	1,134
Tinned, plated, polished and decorated	14,545	11,955	2,167	2,648
Structural	3,347	4,077	615	669
Kitchenware	441	457	117	61
Lamps and lampware	649	708	186	146
Leaf and foil	967	1,263	321	371
Meters and parts	2,476	2,263	509	607
Pins, hooks, eyes, needles and slide fasteners	299	321	97	57
Tin	516	472	39	37
Tools of trade	4,645	4,441	1,077	1,027
<i>Vehicles—</i>				
Aircraft and parts	8,490	9,828	1,395	3,097
Cycles and cycle parts	619	842	187	159
Motor cycles, side-cars, &c. ..	1,616	1,338	283	222
Motor vehicles—				
Complete	77,700	11,408	3,263	1,401
Bodies and parts		7,318	1,584	2,006
Chassis and parts		58,379	14,405	13,591
Railway and tramway vehicles (including trolley buses) and parts	1,147	1,562	377	229
Other and parts	3,026	3,487	943	968

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	Year ended June.		Three Months ended September.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—continued.				
(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—continued.				
Wire, single strand—				
Iron and steel	2,577	3,675	1,041	443
Copper and copper base alloys ..	146	84	15	19
Other	284	328	86	113
Wire manufactures—*				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloy electrical conductor ..	122	183	88	2
Iron and steel	2,162	1,977	558	356
Other	29	36	7	5
Other metals and semi-manufactures†	1,920	2,013	363	625
Other metal manufactures ..	8,484	8,865	1,992	1,851
Total, Class XII.(a)	186,508	177,028	42,846	37,539
(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment—				
Batteries and accumulators ..	410	388	77	121
Cable and wire, covered ..	1,847	1,904	575	237
Communication equipment including radio and television ..	3,869	6,616	1,199	1,798
Dynamo electric machines—				
Electric motors	3,126	3,555	725	795
Other	3,191	4,199	933	1,054
Heating and cooking appliances ..	1,334	1,014	388	192
Ignition equipment for internal combustion engines—				
Sparking plugs and parts ..	604	337	105	68
Other	320	321	75	79
Lamps, bulbs, tubes, &c. ..	1,630	1,649	361	400
Measuring and recording instruments	827	1,490	476	189
Protective equipment	742	1,103	228	302
Regulating, starting and controlling apparatus	5,046	5,518	1,189	1,548
Transformers and rectifiers ..	2,883	3,654	748	1,251
Other electrical machinery and appliances	2,890	3,773	687	1,774
Total, Class XII.(b)	28,719	35,521	7,766	9,808
(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—				
Air and gas compressors ..	1,354	1,146	309	241
Agricultural, horticultural, &c., machinery—				
Harvesting	2,542	2,129	892	1,181
Other	2,501	3,104	1,251	523
Cranes, hoists and other lifting machinery	1,039	1,149	163	38
Dairying machinery	708	914	257	212
Hand tools (power driven) ..	2,209	2,098	428	666

* For cable and wire, covered, see Class XII.(b).
 † Includes all basic shapes, castings and forgings in the rough and pipes and tubes flexible or metal-cased.

† Includes all basic shapes, castings and forgings

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*
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Particulars.	Year ended June.		Three Months ended September.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—<i>continued.</i>				
(c) <i>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—continued.</i>				
Household machines (except sewing and refrigerating)—				
Vacuum cleaners	650	404	104	152
Washing machines	1,112	633	152	108
Other	784	541	161	128
Metal-working machinery—				
Machine tools	5,542	7,385	1,528	1,734
Other	3,093	5,578	1,110	1,435
Motive power machinery—				
Aircraft engines and parts ..	5,088	6,757	1,442	1,344
Power boilers and parts ..	821	989	207	214
Tractors and parts	20,366	17,698	3,584	3,599
Turbines and parts	2,012	2,953	660	1,080
Other and parts	12,934	15,077	3,294	4,283
Office and accounting machines (including taxi meters) ..	5,836	6,197	1,552	1,454
Printing machinery	2,235	2,885	644	471
Pumps	900	1,190	290	554
Refrigerating appliances	1,243	926	188	324
Roller and ball bearings	2,878	3,663	791	928
Sewing machines	4,073	3,283	962	750
Stone-cutting, road-making and mining machinery	7,948	6,952	1,474	1,671
Textile-working machinery and appliances—				
Knitting machines	1,244	796	288	72
Other	2,838	2,769	642	588
Other machines and machinery ..	11,992	12,303	2,742	2,767
Total, Class XII.(c)	103,942	109,519	25,115	26,517
Total, Class XII.	319,169	322,068	75,727	73,864
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures—</i>				
Rubber—				
Crude, waste and masticated ..	12,091	15,183	4,612	2,466
Substitutes	242	2,643	152	985
Rubber manufactures—				
Elastics and rubber thread ..	1,250	1,048	255	298
Tyres and tubes	2,383	2,025	513	455
Other	1,066	1,131	259	249
Total, Class XIII.(a)	17,032	22,030	5,791	4,453
(b) <i>Leather and Leather Manufactures—</i>				
Leather	395	367	102	105
Leather manufactures	398	424	97	80
Total, Class XIII.(b)	793	791	199	185
Total, Class XIII.	17,825	22,821	5,990	4,638

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	Year ended June.		Three Months ended September.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Manufactures of wood and wicker, including plywood, veneers and corestock ..	1,548	2,009	544	733
Timber—				
Dressed, bent or cut into shape ..	2,441	1,579	511	513
Undressed (including logs)	13,271	14,112	4,439	3,621
Wicker, bamboo and cane	199	181	49	42
Total, Class XIV.	17,459	17,881	5,543	4,909
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE.				
Abrasives (synthetic)	927	821	169	253
Cement	942	206	110	34
Crockery and other householdware ..	5,544	4,909	1,464	1,075
Glass	3,784	3,643	769	1,149
Glassware	2,399	2,286	757	490
Porcelain for electrical purposes ..	301	564	135	108
Tiles	1,314	1,341	358	221
Other earthenware, china, &c.	385	522	98	201
Total, Class XV.	15,596	14,292	3,860	3,531
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(a) <i>Pulp, Paper and Board</i> —				
Millboard and other boards ..	1,798	1,582	408	356
Paper—				
Printings—				
Newsprint	13,777	11,844	3,117	3,241
Other	5,441	4,924	1,288	1,173
Tissue and tissue cap (including cigarette)	2,206	1,727	519	382
Wrapping and bag papers ..	4,144	3,346	727	651
Writing and typewriting	2,116	2,170	529	350
Other	1,913	1,952	392	392
Pulp for manufacturing paper ..	4,499	5,031	1,140	1,893
Total, Class XVI.(a)	35,894	32,576	8,120	8,438
(b) <i>Paper Manufactures and Stationery</i> —				
Books (printed), directories, &c. ..	6,239	7,261	1,794	2,125
Pens and pencils—				
Fountain pens and propelling pencils	1,099	1,101	293	168
Other	344	270	77	51
Other paper manufactures, stationery, &c.	2,834	3,018	812	683
Total, Class XVI.(b)	10,516	11,650	2,976	3,027
Total, Class XVI.	46,410	44,226	11,096	11,465

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	Year ended June.		Three Months ended September.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIME-PIECES.				
Fancy goods.. ..	1,635	1,591	593	321
Jewellery, including imitation jewellery..	1,628	1,323	440	310
Precious stones, unset	1,090	1,130	287	187
Sporting material	621	589	163	127
Timepieces—				
Clocks and clock movements.. ..	1,439	1,389	409	260
Watches and watch movements	1,861	1,847	553	307
Toys	2,168	2,195	953	677
Total, Class XVII.	10,442	10,069	3,398	2,189
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Cameras and magic lanterns and accessories therefor	1,781	1,662	388	348
Cinematographs	697	453	112	131
Films for cinematographs	1,860	1,906	389	529
Photographic goods	592	613	123	116
Scientific instruments, appliances and materials—				
Optical and ophthalmic	1,252	1,272	460	278
Surgical and dental	2,365	2,417	582	617
Thermostats	451	462	103	98
Other scientific instruments and appliances	1,765	2,018	446	498
Total, Class XVIII.	10,763	10,803	2,603	2,615
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	1,387	1,323	294	321
Additives for petroleum oils	1,184	1,198	323	351
Alcohols and spirits	834	853	180	279
Calcium carbide	322	451	92	153
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Antibiotics	1,598	1,305	244	79
Vitamin and vitamin preparations	492	426	106	122
Other	5,499	6,677	1,374	1,421
Essential oils	618	585	128	139
Fertilizers—				
Potash salts	489	652	253	97
Rock phosphates	2,166	2,828	878	854
Other	1,028	566	100	319
Gases, refrigerant	215	319	48	75
Perfumery and toilet preparations	720	689	202	168
Soap and soap substitutes	545	678	243	107
Sodium carbonates	164	223	53	19
Sodium cyanide	231	231	54	75
Styrene (monomer)	528	536	79	212
Tetraethyl lead	814	759	71	289
Chemical compounds, n.e.i.	8,203	8,717	2,188	2,352
Chemical materials and products, n.e.i. ..	904	968	267	225
Total, Class XIX.	27,941	29,984	7,177	7,657

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		Three Months ended September.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Antiques, paintings, works of art ..	491	198	68	58
Arms, ammunition and explosives ..	2,744	1,368	321	349
Bags, baskets, purses, wallets, &c. ..	895	763	288	180
Brushware	361	318	84	52
Cellulose acetate, preformed shapes ..	(a)	410	130	99
Imports made subject to the condition that they be re-exported.	(a)	1,160	205	589
Military, Naval and Air Force stores and equipment	6,719	4,787	1,983	1,264
Musical instruments and parts—				
Gramophones, &c., including records ..	1,116	1,351	370	204
Other	707	710	187	154
Outside packages	15,382	14,953	3,613	3,539
Packings for engines, boilers, &c. ..	1,420	1,277	296	309
Passengers' effects	2,709	3,807	783	840
Prefabricated buildings	880	808	96	128
Specialized equipment for large-scale projects—				
Electric power station	266	261	16	79
Oil refining	1,514	454	272	39
Other	2,282	1,574	352	430
Structural steelwork for use with industrial equipment	(a)	1,025	215	115
Synthetic resins	5,504	4,560	994	1,047
Synthetic sausage casings	(a)	364	75	53
Vessels (ships)	2,325	6,349	2,325	1,150
Wall and ceiling boards, parts and decorations	887	648	298	104
All other articles	4,795	4,666	1,181	994
Total, Class XX.	50,997	51,811	14,152	11,776
Total, Merchandise	840,972	818,293	207,592	189,745
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER ; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold, including gold in matte	2,724	2,745	631	509
Silver, including silver in matte	46	50	19	9
Total, Class XXI.	2,770	2,795	650	518
SUMMARY.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	346,096	336,976	81,226	80,761
Victoria	297,494	299,340	78,142	66,056
Queensland	68,883	61,738	16,518	13,738
South Australia	64,804	62,752	16,980	14,311
Western Australia	50,648	46,482	12,119	10,623
Tasmania	15,129	12,641	3,027	4,556
Northern Territory	688	1,155	230	210
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	..	4	..	8
GRAND TOTAL	843,742	821,088	208,242	190,263

(a) Not available separately.

VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

EXPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		Three Months ended September.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Butter	24,589	28,968	3,948	5,643
Cheese	5,058	3,537	510	547
Eggs	5,996	5,302	1,200	770
Fish, fresh or preserved by cold process ..	1,770	2,000	241	257
Ghee	395	363	107	151
Honey	1,039	1,567	261	127
Infants' and invalids' foods	1,416	1,622	311	519
Meats—				
Bacon and hams	355	229	48	41
Meat extracts	881	756	187	175
Preserved by cold process—				
Beef and veal	21,899	23,431	7,377	5,843
Lamb	10,191	7,867	244	399
Mutton	1,626	1,886	226	248
Offals	2,565	2,978	744	657
Pork	781	364	101	55
Poultry	546	349	131	41
Rabbit and hare	1,478	1,855	527	710
Preserved in airtight containers ..	20,568	18,230	5,014	3,757
Sausage casings (including synthetic) ..	1,905	2,128	354	304
Other	698	389	104	163
Milk and cream—				
Preserved, condensed, concentrated ..	3,845	3,922	782	783
Dried, including malted	4,462	5,007	796	1,052
Other foodstuffs of animal origin ..	483	616	117	197
Total, Class I.	112,546	113,366	23,330	22,439
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES				
Biscuits, cakes and puddings	367	385	108	96
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate ..	405	339	79	97
Foods for animals	591	1,179	127	610
Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes ..	757	652	92	127
Fruit—				
Dried—				
Currants	917	1,151	302	375
Raisins	6,720	6,225	2,972	1,153
Other	804	428	170	143
Fresh and frozen—				
Apples	5,444	6,513	625	287
Citrus	783	869	357	370
Other	2,545	1,757	37	6
Preserved in tins and other airtight containers	15,248	15,479	5,512	3,049
Pulped	296	246	69	24

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		Three Months ended September.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES —continued.				
Grain and pulse—				
Prepared—				
Breakfast foods	490	592	145	43
Flour (wheaten)—				
Plain white	20,307	19,706	4,270	5,187
Other	877	567	154	126
Rice	1,985	2,024	662	426
Other	1,090	1,181	304	499
Unprepared—				
Barley	10,357	10,471	1,660	4,091
Maize	301	119	64	18
Oats	1,376	3,578	754	779
Peas (not split)	486	463	85	65
Sorghum	850	512	32	301
Wheat	45,222	46,456	10,426	17,883
Other	874	1,099	299	317
Jams and fruit jellies	361	265	82	118
Soups	405	355	104	112
Sugar (cane)	31,148	24,723	6,551	7,355
Tea	332	186	4	69
Vegetables—				
Preserved in liquid or pulped	284	210	35	24
Other	411	460	103	203
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin	567	570	144	127
Total, Class II.	152,600	148,760	36,328	44,080
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, beer, cider, &c.	552	467	134	169
Spirits (beverages)	347	258	70	90
Wine	817	734	188	356
Total, Class III.	1,716	1,459	392	615
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes, cigars and snuff	124	296	167	57
Tobacco	224	222	66	80
Total, Class IV.	348	518	233	137
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	346	475	92	100
Horses	251	264	53	85
Sheep	340	332	77	127
Other live animals	94	117	37	19
Total, Class V.	1,031	1,188	259	331

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		Three Months ended September.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD-STUFFS.				
Hides and skins—				
Calf, cattle and horse	2,012	2,859	548	601
Kangaroo and wallaby	281	285	75	79
Rabbit and hare	1,100	1,711	745	412
Sheep and lamb	15,942	15,691	4,419	4,015
Other (including sheepskin and lamb-skin pieces)	370	336	109	107
Pearl-shell	690	844	218	364
Trochus-shell	579	727	199	180
Wool—				
Greasy	310,904	293,839	45,463	53,570
Scoured and washed, slipe, carbonized, noils, tops and waste	42,204	43,690	10,211	11,765
Other animal substances	608	710	184	243
Total, Class VI.	374,690	360,692	62,171	71,336
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Seeds	1,310	1,777	240	326
Tanning substances	351	480	207	232
Other vegetable substances	170	396	148	82
Total, Class VII.	1,831	2,653	595	640
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
<i>(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—</i>				
Waste materials and scrap from textile articles	835	1,027	191	205
Yarns—				
Woollen	160	53	22	33
Other	227	107	41	32
Other manufactured fibres	125	83	42	23
Total, Class VIII.(a)	1,347	1,270	296	293
<i>(b) Textiles—</i>				
Piece goods—				
Cotton	147	122	20	29
Wholly or chiefly of rayon or other synthetic fibres	346	111	54	18
Woollen	107	62	12	11
Other	95	89	24	49
Other textiles	276	193	65	62
Total, Class VIII.(b)	971	577	175	169

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
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Particulars.	Year ended June.		Three Months ended September.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—<i>continued.</i>				
(c) <i>Apparel—</i>				
Footwear	70	74	14	27
Outerwear	141	138	34	34
Shirts, underwear and sleeping attire	77	55	14	15
Other apparel	151	106	32	83
Total, Class VIII.(c)	439	373	94	159
Total, Class VIII.	2,757	2,220	565	621
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and waxes, &c.—				
Edible animal fats, excluding tallow ..	166	80	16	6
Fatty acids	120	222	43	59
Tallow, edible and inedible	1,771	4,027	600	770
Other	170	188	52	31
Oils—				
Petroleum and shale, including petroleum jelly—				
Residual, diesel fuel and furnace oil	1,243	4,578	479	1,580
Spirit	836	2,281	261	55
Other	531	965	116	139
Whale oils	1,543	1,478	714	644
Other	208	234	113	48
Total, Class IX.	6,588	14,053	2,394	3,332
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Lead oxides	227	252	83	88
Paints and enamels prepared for use ..	436	457	141	131
Other pigments, paints and varnishes ..	259	268	57	66
Total, Class X.	922	977	281	285
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS.				
Asbestos, crude and fibre	381	694	195	222
Asphalt, tar and pitch	325	356	99	71
Coal	1,147	780	303	329
Coke	180	538	50	200
Ores and concentrates, including residues and wastes—				
Lead and silver-lead	3,934	4,369	1,058	2,096
Titanium and zirconium	2,896	5,226	1,121	1,832
Tungsten	3,188	3,708	967	698
Zinc	2,838	4,648	1,610	1,127
Other	1,797	1,910	478	1,414
Other stones and minerals	366	448	71	73
Total, Class XI.	17,052	22,677	5,952	8,062

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		Three Months ended September.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—</i>				
Metals and semi-manufactures—				
Cadmium	240	249	71	77
Copper	1,818	6,851	2,061	1,288
Copper-base alloys	604	534	250	94
Iron and steel	6,511	6,618	1,450	2,816
Lead—				
Bullion and silver-lead bullion	6,133	4,639	1,894	2,367
Pig	17,182	19,560	5,248	4,557
Other	1,521	1,070	331	284
Zinc	3,965	4,644	1,354	718
Other	289	279	102	100
Metal manufactures—				
Builders' and engineering hardware	408	327	89	85
Tools of trade	420	373	98	74
Vehicles and parts	3,418	3,213	809	2,401
Window louvres	543	578	137	99
Other metal manufactures ..	2,711	2,742	727	887
Total, Class XII.(a)	45,763	51,677	14,621	15,847
<i>(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances and Equipment—</i>				
Batteries and accumulators ..	454	457	110	79
Communication equipment ..	694	1,047	278	230
Other electrical appliances ..	1,178	1,248	420	310
Total, Class XII.(b)	2,326	2,752	808	619
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—</i>				
Aircraft engines and parts ..	1,185	499	154	70
Agricultural, horticultural &c. machinery	1,454	1,273	247	466
Mining and metallurgical machinery and appliances	496	582	71	102
Motive power machinery	2,267	1,605	487	443
Personal and massage appliances ..	407	383	153	35
Pumps, machinery	540	295	103	66
Refrigerating appliances	417	352	105	65
Other machines and machinery ..	4,253	5,076	1,028	1,116
Total, Class XII.(c)	11,019	10,065	2,348	2,363
Total, Class XII.	59,108	64,494	17,777	18,829

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		Three Months ended September.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures</i> ..	795	667	192	182
(b) <i>Leather and Leather Manufactures—</i>				
Leather—				
Hide leathers—				
Sole	655	505	122	129
Other	1,312	1,758	389	424
Sheep and lamb	181	111	25	23
Other	117	130	32	60
Leather manufactures	136	108	34	19
Total, Class XIII.(b)	2,401	2,612	602	655
Total, Class XIII.	3,196	3,279	794	837
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Sleepers, railway	308	711	184	91
Timber	1,506	1,745	570	370
Wood and wicker manufactures	502	529	146	137
Total, Class XIV.	2,316	2,985	900	598
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONWARE ..	1,161	897	262	275
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(a) <i>Pulp, Paper and Board</i>	414	481	169	152
(b) <i>Paper Manufactures and Stationery—</i>				
Books (printed), periodicals, newspapers, &c.	1,318	1,396	362	369
Paper manufactures and stationery	829	784	216	248
Total, Class XVI.(b)	2,147	2,180	578	617
Total, Class XVI.	2,561	2,661	747	769
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIME-PIECES.				
Precious stones, unset—pearls, &c.	160	186	51	57
Sporting goods	247	251	78	75
Other	163	110	33	50
Total, Class XVII.	570	547	162	182
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Films for cinematographs, &c.	318	192	71	40
Photographic goods and materials	521	446	162	157
Other optical, surgical and scientific instruments and materials	414	415	80	101
Total, Class XVIII.	1,253	1,053	313	298

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued*.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		Three Months ended September.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	726	1,357	201	194
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Acetylsalicylic acid	150	180	28	55
Other	1,295	959	242	263
Eucalyptus oil	155	274	48	37
Perfumery and toilet preparations	189	210	55	61
Soap	258	232	67	67
Other chemicals, elements and compounds	965	1,347	333	217
Miscellaneous chemical preparations (including fertilizers)	767	638	221	169
Total, Class XIX.	4,505	5,197	1,195	1,063
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms and ammunition	165	190	89	19
Exports by the Commonwealth Government for Australian Government projects being carried on outside Australia and for Australian representatives abroad	1,184	2,016	730	551
Other goods exported with the intention that they be re-imported and temporary imports when subsequently exported. Goods exported by Australian Companies for installation in or servicing their own aircraft abroad	(a)	4,408	968	851
Military, Naval and Air Force stores and equipment	1,962	3,637	1,683	326
Synthetic resins	598	661	191	149
Miscellaneous exports when valued at less than £50 in any one consignment	2,291	4,678	1,205	1,355
Vessels (ships) transferred abroad	407	815	190	212
All other articles	4,683	4,756	1,345	1,349
Total, Class XX.	11,290	21,161	6,401	4,812
Total, Merchandise	758,041	770,837	161,051	179,541
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Bronze Specie	1	..	..	..
Gold, including gold in matte	13,718	8,323	6,526	4,433
Silver, including silver in matte	2,404	2,704	714	3,582
Total, Class XXI.	16,123	11,027	7,240	8,015
SUMMARY.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	220,657	225,650	50,885	50,908
Victoria	216,572	209,396	37,839	41,289
Queensland	154,483	152,145	41,755	41,817
South Australia	95,079	97,666	23,067	25,754
Western Australia	68,507	76,143	11,952	25,010
Tasmania	18,762	20,305	2,756	2,352
Northern Territory	104	559	37	426
Australian Produce	765,883	768,090	164,636	184,236
Re-exports	8,281	13,774	3,655	3,320
GRAND TOTAL	774,164	781,864	168,291	187,556

(a) Not available separately.

TOTAL QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	Year ended June.		Three months ended September.	
		1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.					
Butter.. .. .	'000 lb.	140,017	185,112	23,422	37,060
Cheese.. .. .	"	49,544	38,486	4,083	4,432
Processed milk—					
Condensed	"	44,552	55,943	9,329	12,266
Dried including Malted	"	60,740	71,442	9,602	11,204
Infants' and invalids' foods	"	7,957	9,965	1,931	3,175
Eggs—					
In shell	'000 doz.	20,266	16,071	6,347	3,633
Not in shell	'000 lb.	22,468	21,123	998	57
Meats, poultry and game—					
Bacon and hams	"	1,675	1,003	218	170
Preserved by cold process—					
Beef and veal	"	276,398	322,748	106,225	86,921
Lamb	"	94,982	81,626	2,315	4,166
Mutton	"	33,811	34,657	4,220	3,773
Offals	"	30,420	30,861	9,983	7,787
Pork	"	6,515	2,472	742	302
Poultry	"	(a)	1,486	544	195
Rabbits and hares—					
Furred (carcasses)	'000 prs.	} (b) {	75	24	19
Skinned (carcasses and pieces)	'000 lb.		18,015	6,264	6,380
Preserved in airtight containers	"	141,115	130,591	34,424	28,711
Sausage casings, natural(c)(d) {	cwt.	6,930	..	..	..
	bundles	1,913,973	2,225,145	394,257	368,253
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.					
Fruits—					
Dried—					
Currants	'000 lb.	18,755	21,416	6,141	6,722
Raisins	"	134,252	115,884	59,315	21,538
Tree fruits	"	6,566	3,681	1,402	1,278
Fresh—					
Apples	'000 bus.	4,265	5,023	466	187
Citrus	"	524	585	238	246
Other	"	1,494	1,081	26	3
Preserved in airtight containers	'000lb.	215,843	209,231	73,185	43,254
Pulped	"	5,130	3,471	1,674	328
Grain or cereals—					
Prepared—					
Barley—pearl and scotch	"	239	356	87	65
Flour, (wheaten) plain white	"	1,311,365	1,333,748	274,481	374,521
Oatmeal and rolled oats	"	18,391	27,564	6,892	1,549
Rice	cwt.	607,932	858,226	207,489	132,034
Unprepared—					
Barley	ton	421,174	470,210	55,777	205,203
Oats	"	51,288	171,577	26,928	37,117
Wheat	"	1,691,064	1,902,896	387,478	732,462
Jams and fruit jellies	'000 lb.	6,853	4,429	1,450	1,843
Sugar (cane)	ton	737,184	592,229	166,681	190,433
Vegetables—preserved or pulped	'000 lb.	3,952	1,897	459	285

(a) 263,139 pairs. (b) 4,977,216 pairs. (c) Recorded in bundles since 1st October, 1954.
 (d) Natural and synthetic combined for 1954-55.

Total Quantities of Principal Commodities Exported from Australia—continued.

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	Year ended June.		Three months ended September.	
		1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.					
Wine	'000 gal.	1,264	1,204	327	513
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and skins—					
Calf, cattle and horse	'000 lb.	36,120	48,185	9,557	10,189
Kangaroo and wallaby	"	766	796	193	204
Rabbit and hare	"	4,586	3,327	1,285	764
Sheep and lamb	"	100,275	105,566	25,262	22,251
Wool—					
Greasy	"	959,040	1,063,493	159,932	176,421
Scoured and washed, slipe, carbonized, tops, noils and waste	"	101,555	114,598	26,222	29,014
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.					
Tallow, edible and inedible ..	ton	21,405	47,834	7,330	9,903
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS.					
Coal	ton	291,226	193,813	73,733	84,998
Ores and concentrates—					
Lead and silver-lead	"	59,063	73,526	17,105	26,479
Zinc	"	200,670	288,519	106,371	63,502
CLASS XII.—METALS.					
Lead—					
Pig	ton	140,256	146,144	41,248	32,778
Bullion	"	40,818	29,812	12,197	15,224
Zinc, bars, blocks, &c.	"	37,021	37,314	11,475	6,722

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.				Fruits.		
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef and Veal.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.(a)	Pork.(a)	Dried.		Pre- served in air- tight con- tainers.
							Vine.	Tree.	
QUANTITY. (⁰⁰⁰ lb.)									
1938-39 ..	229,543	35,924	1,739	271,964	186,489	30,716	164,213	3,915	81,279
1952-53 ..	110,428	53,000	3,393	192,297	166,844	3,453	155,172	6,709	143,261
1953-54 ..	88,030	50,951	2,777	316,955	99,691	2,758	139,822	6,481	199,219
1954-55 ..	140,017	49,543	1,675	276,398	128,793	6,515	153,000	6,437	215,795
1955-56 ..	185,103	38,485	1,003	322,748	116,283	2,472	137,300	3,665	209,123
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1955 ..	23,422	4,083	218	106,225	6,535	742	65,456	1,394	73,164
Sept., 1956 ..	37,060	4,432	170	86,921	7,939	302	28,260	1,275	43,247

VALUE. (£A ⁰⁰⁰ f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)									
1938-39 ..	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882	2,747	118	1,267
1952-53 ..	20,075	5,851	720	13,765	8,761	472	7,448	581	9,298
1953-54 ..	16,052	5,329	619	22,044	5,261	462	6,600	793	14,184
1954-55 ..	24,580	5,957	355	21,899	11,817	781	7,637	799	15,245
1955-56 ..	28,966	3,537	229	23,431	9,752	364	7,376	427	15,469
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1955 ..	3,948	510	48	7,377	470	101	3,274	169	5,511
Sept., 1956 ..	5,643	547	41	5,843	647	55	1,528	142	3,048

(a) Preserved by cold process.

Year.	Wheat.	Flour, (Wheaten) Plain White.	Barley (Unpre- pared).	Sugar (Cane).	Wool.		Sheep and Lamb- skins.	Lead (Pig)	
					Greasy.	Scoured. (a)			
QUANTITY.									
1938-39	..	tons. 1,690,956	'000 lb. 1,450,130	tons. 58,441	tons. 443,014	'000 lb. 793,334	'000 lb. 70,881	'000 lb. 84,359	tons. 204,495
1952-53	..	1,593,963	1,739,240	496,403	459,354	981,493	107,533	110,172	141,999
1953-54	..	965,338	1,522,536	601,536	706,796	990,009	96,418	94,522	170,207
1954-55	..	1,691,063	1,311,238	421,174	737,149	959,033	101,553	100,229	140,256
1955-56	..	1,902,891	1,333,587	470,210	592,229	1,063,475	114,556	105,566	145,987
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1955	..	387,478	274,481	55,777	166,681	159,914	26,215	25,262	41,248
Sept., 1956	..	732,462	374,521	205,203	190,433	176,421	29,011	22,009	32,778

VALUE.
(£A⁰⁰⁰ f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

1938-39 ..	8,735	4,540	342	4,178	37,305	5,324	2,370	4,267
1952-53 ..	51,970	37,417	19,245	21,654	356,223	46,681	17,332	17,168
1953-54 ..	30,957	29,682	14,870	31,592	364,977	45,443	16,439	18,550
1954-55 ..	45,222	20,305	10,357	31,146	310,902	42,204	15,935	17,182
1955-56 ..	46,456	19,703	10,471	24,723	293,835	43,673	15,691	19,539
Three months ended—								
Sept., 1955 ..	10,426	4,270	1,660	6,551	45,459	10,208	4,419	5,248
Sept., 1956 ..	17,883	5,187	4,091	7,355	53,570	11,763	4,008	4,557

(a) Includes scoured and washed, carbonized, tops, noils, waste and slipe.

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Three months ended September.							
	1955.		1956.		1955.		1956.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	BUTTER.				CHEESE.			
United Kingdom ..	18,516	2,943	32,546	4,757	1,835	163	2,540	198
Australian Territories ..	184	37	97	18	26	4	24	5
Ceylon ..	677	127	542	97	50	8	57	11
Guiana (British) ..	63	13	79	16	3	1	..	..
Hong Kong ..	402	76	445	82	86	10	73	11
India ..	185	40	103	22	128	21	213	41
Malaya, Fed. of ..	261	59	327	69	36	6	18	3
Malta ..	147	28	113	20	..	..	..	..
Mauritius ..	49	12	181	40	22	4	33	6
Singapore ..	768	146	860	159	239	28	139	21
West Africa (British) ..	66	15	61	14	35	6	27	6
West Indies ..	139	32	105	21	68	10	13	2
Other British Countries ..	302	70	311	66	107	18	52	10
Arabian States ..	115	27	252	56	246	45	358	76
Burma ..	91	22	25	6	28	5	6	1
Egypt ..	72	13	39	7	33	3	2	..
France ..	11	2	7	1	..	..	..	..
French Dependency— New Caledonia ..	111	22	132	25	35	6	45	8
Italy ..	471	85	314	57	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	65	14	11	2	313	45	49	8
Lebanon ..	52	9	49	8	57	9	18	4
Netherlands Antilles ..	66	16	51	11	1	..	..	..
Philippines ..	173	44	79	16	559	89	261	51
Other Foreign Countries ..	436	96	331	73	176	29	504	85
New South Wales ..	462	88	1,226	184	52	8	29	5
Victoria ..	13,850	2,326	24,217	3,877	2,053	310	2,705	384
Queensland ..	8,197	1,376	9,061	1,250	395	50	209	33
South Australia ..	606	105	756	104	1,583	142	1,484	124
Western Australia ..	27	5	20	3	..	..	5	1
Tasmania ..	280	48	1,780	225	..	..	..	..
Total ..	23,422	3,948	37,060	5,643	4,083	510	4,432	547
	BACON AND HAMS.				BEEF AND VEAL. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
United Kingdom ..	..	..	19	4	88,220	5,849	67,652	4,300
Bermuda ..	..	..	..	..	281	43	310	46
Ceylon ..	36	7	..	..	42	5	91	8
Hong Kong ..	38	10	5	2	727	56	2,154	132
Malta ..	..	..	..	..	747	63	678	53
Singapore ..	76	15	91	20	3,741	295	3,291	258
West Indies (British) ..	..	..	..	..	399	37	148	17
Other British Countries ..	44	10	40	11	1,506	167	1,243	125
Arabian States— Saudi Arabia ..	..	..	..	..	237	52	281	51
Other ..	19	5	9	2	153	23	198	30
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	..	..	..	..	825	64	2,798	196
Egypt ..	1	..	..	..	1,197	90	22	2
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	..	..	..	..	3,088	220	59	5
Philippines ..	1	..	..	..	2,100	164	3,489	263
United States of America ..	..	..	..	..	542	51	303	42
Other Foreign Countries ..	3	1	6	2	2,417	198	4,144	315
New South Wales ..	33	9	33	9	7,005	631	5,095	496
Victoria ..	16	3	3	1	530	50	1,775	191
Queensland ..	135	30	79	19	91,547	6,216	76,051	4,914
South Australia ..	6	1	..	..	86	6	75	5
Western Australia ..	28	5	55	12	7,057	474	3,908	236
Tasmania ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	1
Total ..	218	48	170	41	106,225	7,377	86,921	5,843

NOTE.—Values in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries--*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Three months ended September.							
	1955.		1956.		1955.		1956.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	MUTTON AND LAMB. (Preserved by Cold Process.)				PORK. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
United Kingdom ..	4,445	316	5,620	464	435	55	21	3
Australian Territories ..	193	23	179	22	54	9	76	15
Canada ..	..	..	..	..	14	2	15	3
Ceylon ..	132	10	95	8	2	1	..	..
Hong Kong ..	73	5	123	7	27	3	12	1
Singapore ..	547	31	747	48	66	9	81	13
Other British Countries	387	37	862	66	60	9	49	9
Arabian States ..	102	9	142	19	33	6	23	6
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	11	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Egypt ..	548	29	34	1	21	3	..	..
United States of America	22	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	75	7	137	12	30	4	25	5
Total ..	6,535	470	7,939	647	742	101	302	55
DRIED VINE FRUITS—CURRANTS.					DRIED VINE FRUITS—RAISINS (including Sultanias and Lexias).			
United Kingdom ..	1,751	82	2,409	139	30,847	1,620	4,388	267
Canada ..	2,980	147	3,197	173	19,269	860	12,190	584
Ceylon ..	29	1	75	4	383	20	175	10
New Zealand ..	777	41	729	41	4,827	284	4,432	270
Singapore ..	20	2	15	1	33	3	14	1
Other British Countries	530	28	230	16	1,010	48	311	18
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	..	..	..	..	2,676	124	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	54	1	17	1	270	13	28	3
Total ..	6,141	302	6,722	375	59,315	2,972	21,538	1,153

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Three months ended September.							
	1955.		1956.		1955.		1956.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	DRIED TREE FRUITS.				FRUITS PRESERVED IN AIRTIGHT CONTAINERS.			
United Kingdom ..	482	38	566	61	66,273	5,026	38,530	2,695
Canada ..	448	74	3	..	2,020	150	1,002	70
New Zealand ..	287	36	509	64	3,140	214	2,701	201
Singapore ..	33	5	..	..	216	14	140	10
Other British Countries	77	6	115	9	769	55	613	51
Egypt ..	..	..	..	..	97	7	13	1
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	19	2	56	6	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	68	8	26	2	649	45	248	20
New South Wales ..	326	25	319	31	13,021	953	8,232	567
Victoria ..	121	13	19	1	43,535	3,424	21,465	1,589
Queensland ..	..	..	1	..	14,302	974	7,268	517
South Australia ..	907	126	481	61	1,733	112	3,303	232
Western Australia ..	..	..	..	..	16	1	..	..
Tasmania ..	40	5	455	49	557	47	2,979	143
Total ..	1,394	169	1,275	142	73,164	5,511	43,247	3,048
	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	WHEAT.				FLOUR (WHEATEN)—PLAIN-WHITE.			
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
United Kingdom ..	102,090	2,631	172,321	4,167	40,427	581	46,596	619
Aden ..	..	..	255	7	2,128	30	9,114	125
Australian Territories ..	36	1	21	1	2,644	45	3,164	49
Borneo (British) ..	..	..	..	..	2,772	45	3,473	52
Ceylon ..	5	..	99	3	60,693	890	110,793	1,358
Cyprus ..	11,592	323	..	..	11	..	24	..
East Africa (British) ..	199	6	81	2	5,355	80	4,512	61
Hong Kong ..	2,739	75	9,720	232	2,351	34	4,758	67
India ..	..	..	206,495	5,029	15	..	..	..
Ireland, Republic of ..	3,091	79	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malaya, Fed. of ..	5,951	170	2,203	62	22,549	379	26,703	423
Mauritius ..	20	1	10	..	9,744	141	14,896	236
New Zealand ..	71,096	1,873	77,156	1,882	4	..	69	1
Pacific Islands—								
Fiji ..	15	..	7	..	5,354	89	5,939	90
Other ..	13	..	6	..	3,199	55	2,160	33
Pakistan ..	..	..	43,304	1,100	356	5	23	..
Rhodesia and Nyasaland ..	17,404	473	13,262	337	863	13	2,038	28
Singapore ..	1,989	60	445	13	18,380	302	22,293	329
Sudan, Anglo-Egyptian ..	..	..	..	..	9,721	146	21,493	291
Other British Countries	32	1	10,113	248	2,544	41	3,723	52
Arabian States ..	1,173	35	2,861	86	8,344	116	12,284	153
Burma ..	2,348	64	1,880	40	11,101	180	17,416	265
Egypt ..	..	..	..	..	2,124	32	4,352	68
French Dependencies ..	150	5	79	2	4,099	74	5,009	73
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	..	..	42,281	951	..	..	36,202	..
Indonesia ..	5	..	..	..	47,283	781	739	549
Italy ..	..	..	..	..	453	8	..	11
Japan ..	84,896	2,358	68,599	1,722	269	4	..	..
Netherlands ..	931	24	..	..	..	..	..	..
Portuguese Possessions—								
India ..	848	25	..	..	1,524	24	..	..
Mozambique ..	..	..	3,000	75	150	2	64	1
Other ..	..	..	..	..	180	3	442	6
Thailand ..	10	..	60	2	7,867	136	11,313	172
Other Foreign Countries	80,845	2,222	78,204	1,922	1,977	34	4,929	75
New South Wales ..	51,265	1,359	45,435	983	85,297	1,375	137,948	1,895
Victoria ..	122,113	3,208	125,748	2,983	96,067	1,460	116,644	1,624
Queensland ..	33,594	909	66,527	1,695	16,589	259	18,015	250
South Australia ..	121,974	3,312	117,087	2,922	28,545	449	52,226	676
Western Australia ..	58,532	1,638	376,765	9,300	47,983	727	49,688	742
Total ..	387,478	10,426	732,462	17,883	274,481	4,270	374,521	5,187

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued*.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Three months ended September.							
	1955.		1956.		1955.		1956.	
	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.
	Barley (Unprepared).				Sugar (Cane).			
United Kingdom ..	9,509	221	15,342	304	57,539	2,222	61,201	2,644
Australian Territory— New Guinea ..	..	..	..	..	419	25	440	29
Canada ..	..	..	..	..	75,495	2,739	63,801	2,057
Ceylon ..	4	..	..	..	..	..	10,141	390
Hong Kong ..	60	1	179	4	2,011	73	13,289	466
Malaya, Fed. of ..	7	..	..	..	..	..	998	34
New Zealand ..	..	..	6,758	181	20,322	1,028	20,348	961
Other British Countries	..	..	..	..	1,128	66	905	57
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	3,725	91	26,046	535	..	..	..	..
French Possession—New Caledonia ..	..	..	..	..	567	34	473	31
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	750	17	30,394	451	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	900	25	4,372	110	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	40,815	1,305	100,112	2,182	9,032	350	18,808	684
Netherlands ..	..	..	14,470	288	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	7	..	1,530	36	168	14	29	2
New South Wales ..	..	..	..	..	1,948	119	1,511	97
Victoria ..	4,316	144	54,516	824	75	4	86	6
Queensland ..	..	..	1,000	20	164,049	6,427	188,820	7,251
South Australia ..	48,459	1,453	136,478	2,987	..	..	..	..
Western Australia ..	3,002	63	13,209	260	9	1	16	1
Total ..	55,777	1,660	205,203	4,091	166,681	6,551	190,433	7,355

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Three months ended September.							
	1955.		1956.		1955.		1956.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	WOOL—GREASY.				WOOL—SCOURED AND WASHED, SLIPE, CARBONIZED, TOPS, NOILS AND WASTE.			
United Kingdom ..	43,035	11,711	47,122	14,486	7,486	2,704	6,244	2,251
Canada ..	681	202	564	178	628	244	624	231
Hong Kong ..	..	..	25	9	184	112	215	105
India ..	67	22	52	14	596	322	921	444
Ireland, Republic of ..	184	62	714	288	21	8	21	8
New Zealand ..	46	17	27	5	180	109	117	73
South Africa, Union of ..	134	34	590	172	128	51	45	20
Other British Countries ..	..	..	..	..	215	108	230	114
Austria ..	335	106	318	119	11	4	..	..
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	15,428	3,178	20,299	4,443	1,043	342	1,020	350
China ..	..	..	..	..	786	426	1,802	925
Czechoslovakia ..	1,194	394	1,387	463	15	6	..	..
Denmark ..	..	..	..	..	242	94	141	54
Egypt ..	..	..	..	..	42	24	11	5
France ..	28,895	7,478	33,714	9,856	1,498	561	1,495	603
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	9,665	2,629	9,073	2,791	2,213	816	1,649	640
Greece ..	27	8	5	2	336	138	155	62
Italy ..	10,559	2,971	8,541	2,280	1,305	439	1,885	631
Japan ..	31,951	10,654	41,482	14,315	1,849	850	7,306	3,333
Mexico ..	1,771	602	1,272	416	109	46	197	83
Netherlands ..	527	147	386	101	343	98	231	89
Norway ..	..	..	..	..	6	2	7	2
Poland ..	5,229	2,010	6,582	2,165	..	..	60	26
Portugal ..	339	114	78	23	55	22	76	28
Spain ..	321	93	683	232	62	24	..	..
Sweden ..	416	115	15	4	157	57	175	65
Switzerland ..	668	167	59	13	67	23	49	22
Turkey ..	..	..	1,265	494	18	11	..	..
United States of America ..	7,353	2,378	1,353	394	5,043	1,848	3,405	1,189
Yugoslavia ..	973	332	653	238	..	..	9	4
Other Foreign Countries ..	116	35	156	69	1,577	714	831	406
Total ..	159,914	45,459	176,421	53,570	26,215	10,208	29,011	11,763
New South Wales ..	61,490	17,397	64,970	18,990	8,288	3,158	9,072	3,691
Victoria ..	24,174	7,243	26,205	7,858	8,711	3,369	9,430	3,737
Queensland ..	37,275	11,051	37,958	12,862	3,073	1,186	2,587	1,064
South Australia ..	24,048	6,250	24,153	7,043	3,052	1,226	2,809	1,169
Western Australia ..	12,718	3,446	23,130	6,816	3,091	1,269	5,113	2,102
Tasmania ..	209	72	5	1	..	..	..	..
Total ..	159,914	45,459	176,421	53,570	26,215	10,208	29,011	11,763

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Three months ended September.							
	1955.		1956.		1955.		1956.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.
	SHEEP AND LAMB SKINS.				LEAD (PIG).			
United Kingdom ..	3,112	517	2,370	406	26,403	3,340	11,072	1,562
New Zealand ..	..	..	88	6	901	117	1,078	151
South Africa, Union of..	..	..	..	..	300	38	..	..
Other British Countries	..	..	..	..	26	4	209	31
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	186	33	268	57	..	..	..	..
France ..	21,059	3,736	18,248	3,363	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	410	75	696	136	..	..	..	..
Netherlands ..	77	4	84	13	..	..	203	26
United States of America	146	10	153	10	13,178	1,692	19,634	2,715
Other Foreign Countries	272	44	102	17	440	57	522	72
New South Wales ..	8,704	1,514	6,878	1,240	209	26	3,272	477
Victoria ..	9,167	1,629	7,446	1,377	285	36	370	46
Queensland ..	1,113	172	931	176	92	12	32	4
South Australia ..	3,486	591	3,956	719	40,519	5,157	29,009	4,018
Western Australia ..	2,072	377	2,102	376	140	17	95	12
Tasmania ..	720	136	696	120	3	..	..	..
Total ..	25,262	4,419	22,009	4,008	41,248	5,248	32,778	4,557

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Section V.—Retail Sales.

TOTAL RETAIL SALES OF GOODS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS.^(a)*(Adjusted on a Basis Comparable with the 1952-53 Retail Census.)*

The figures in the tables below relate to the retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards).

The tables contain particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1950-51 to 1955-56 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the year 1952-53 were obtained from the Census taken in respect of that year whereas figures for the other years shown are estimates based on sample surveys. Details by States exclude Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol etc.

(£ million.)

Particulars.	1950-51. (b)	1951-52. (b)	1952-53. (c)	1953-54. (b)(d)	1954-55. (b)(d)	1955-56. (b)(d)
STATES.						
New South Wales	553.8	648.5	674.7	728.1	799.7	856.7
Victoria	389.2	454.7	476.3	514.6	561.8	608.6
Queensland	177.9	210.2	224.9	243.7	270.8	292.3
South Australia	113.7	133.8	143.7	155.7	172.0	184.7
Western Australia	94.4	117.1	127.3	139.8	147.0	151.7
Tasmania	41.8	51.3	55.2	58.9	63.9	69.2
Total	1,370.8	1,615.6	1,702.1	1,840.8	2,015.2	2,163.2

COMMODITY GROUPS.

Groceries	186.1	232.9	261.5	275.1	305.9	334.7
Butchers' Meat	92.3	118.7	127.8	133.9	146.7	159.3
Other Food(e)	155.5	187.8	206.8	223.7	245.8	270.1
Total Foodstuffs	433.9	539.4	596.1	632.7	698.4	764.1
Beer, Wine and Spirits	123.2	153.9	173.0	186.7	202.1	219.1
Clothing, Drapery, Piece Goods and Footwear	328.5	351.6	355.1	387.6	421.5	438.9
Hardware, China and Glass-ware(f)	91.2	109.6	113.8	124.7	142.5	153.3
Electrical Goods and Radios	64.7	77.5	75.8	91.2	99.6	105.3
Furniture and Floor Coverings	76.9	76.1	72.8	81.0	86.5	91.3
Other Goods(g)	252.4	307.5	315.5	336.9	364.6	391.2
Total (excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.)	1,370.8	1,615.6	1,702.1	1,840.8	2,015.2	2,163.2
Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(h)	382.0	433.3	417.3	491.1	579.5	650.5

(a) Excludes sales in Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Survey figures (c) Census figures. (d) Subject to revision. (e) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (f) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.). (g) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. (h) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth moving equipment, etc.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

The statistics in the following tables relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance companies are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each quarter, but, from the time of assignment are included in the figures for balances outstanding. Figures in these tables have been revised since the last issue.

Balances Outstanding at end of each Quarter.(a)

(Including Hiring Charges and Insurance.)

(£'000.)

As at—	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.(c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1954—30th September ..	54,325	34,248	24,068	14,885	11,594	5,274	144,394
31st December ..	61,259	38,860	26,515	16,671	12,751	5,918	161,974
1955—31st March ..	65,329	41,825	27,451	17,355	13,437	6,434	171,831
30th June ..	69,285	44,557	29,044	18,281	14,405	7,012	182,584
30th September ..	75,456	48,245	30,999	19,663	15,371	7,460	197,194
31st December ..	79,865	53,132	32,434	21,239	16,394	7,951	211,015
1956—31st March ..	78,918	54,959	32,003	21,139	16,147	8,033	211,199
30th June ..	78,823	55,989	31,901	21,042	15,718	8,163	211,636
30th September ..	80,669	57,721	33,396	22,115	15,598	8,477	217,976

(a) Balances on agreements entered into during the quarter or at any time previously.
Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(b) Includes

Agreements Made during Quarter ended 30th September, 1956 : States.

Particulars of Agreement.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
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MOTOR VEHICLES.

Number of Agreements ..	27,104	20,681	14,494	9,414	5,167	3,882	80,742
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	19,962	15,295	10,109	6,708	3,296	2,660	58,030
Amount Financed(d) £'000	12,058	9,511	5,934	3,965	2,060	1,588	35,116

PLANT AND MACHINERY.

Number of Agreements ..	1,925	1,319	803	460	269	148	4,924
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	1,654	773	501	311	235	102	3,576
Amount Financed(d) £'000	1,075	493	320	193	146	61	2,288

HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.

Number of Agreements ..	58,302	33,677	28,940	12,385	12,535	4,992	150,831
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	3,689	2,538	1,671	1,053	838	383	10,172
Amount Financed(d) £'000	2,929	2,028	1,312	860	682	297	8,108

TOTAL (ALL GOODS).

Number of Agreements ..	87,331	55,677	44,237	22,259	17,971	9,022	236,497
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	25,305	18,606	12,281	8,072	4,369	3,145	71,778
Amount Financed(d) £'000	16,062	12,032	7,566	5,018	2,888	1,946	45,512

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Value at net

cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

Retail Sales: Hire Purchase Agreements Entered Into By Finance Companies—continued.

Agreements Made during each Quarter: Australia.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed. (b)
		Total.	Average per Agreement.	Total.	Average per Agreement.	
		£'000	£	£'000.	£	%
MOTOR VEHICLES.						
Quarterly Average—						
1954-55	69,186	47,703	689	27,583	399	59
1955-56	75,695	52,871	698	31,231	413	59
Quarterly Total—						
1955—Sept., Quarter	81,478	56,669	696	33,505	411	59
Dec. " ..	79,016	55,590	704	33,096	419	60
1956—March " ..	69,810	47,480	680	27,846	399	59
June " ..	72,478	51,746	714	30,480	421	59
Sept. " ..	80,742	58,030	719	35,116	435	61

PLANT AND MACHINERY.

Quarterly Average—						
1954-55	3,711	2,337	630	1,426	384	61
1955-56	4,812	3,128	650	1,936	402	62
Quarterly Total—						
1955—Sept. Quarter	4,374	2,782	636	1,695	388	61
Dec. " ..	5,239	3,674	701	2,289	437	62
1956—March " ..	4,828	3,036	629	1,875	388	62
June " ..	4,809	3,020	628	1,885	392	62
Sept. " ..	4,924	3,576	726	2,288	465	64

HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.

Quarterly Average—						
1954-55	160,958	12,251	76	9,920	62	81
1955-56	170,022	12,862	77	10,434	61	81
Quarterly Total—						
1955—Sept. Quarter	162,261	12,089	75	9,864	61	82
Dec. " ..	188,951	15,045	80	12,277	65	82
1956—March " ..	171,064	13,431	79	10,827	63	81
June " ..	157,811	10,882	69	8,768	56	81
Sept. " ..	150,831	10,172	67	8,108	54	80

TOTAL (ALL GOODS).

Quarterly Average—						
1954-55	233,855	62,291	266	38,929	166	62
1955-56	250,529	68,861	275	43,601	174	63
Quarterly Total—						
1955—Sept. Quarter	248,113	71,540	288	45,064	182	63
Dec. " ..	273,206	74,309	272	47,662	174	64
1956—March " ..	245,702	63,947	260	40,548	165	63
June " ..	235,098	65,648	279	41,133	175	63
Sept. " ..	236,497	71,778	304	45,512	192	63

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

Section VI.—Private Finance.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

Average Liabilities within Australia.(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Inter-minable Deposits or Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks. (b)	Bills Payable and all other Liabilities.	Total Liabilities.
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				

COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(c)

1952-53	..	..	96,634	22,817	119,481	..	3,820	8,569	131,870
1953-54	..	..	120,885	35,352	156,237	..	2,034	11,766	170,037
1954-55	..	..	130,909	43,549	174,458	..	309	16,148	190,915
1955-56	..	..	135,617	46,243	181,860	..	314	17,496	199,670
Quarter ended—									
September, 1955	..	..	131,453	48,509	179,962	..	271	16,314	196,547
December, "	..	..	138,770	48,132	186,902	..	313	18,208	205,423
March, 1956	..	..	133,696	46,607	180,303	..	345	17,757	198,405
June, "	..	..	138,790	41,870	180,660	..	326	17,759	198,745
September, "	..	..	134,800	43,059	177,859	..	330	16,576	194,765
Month of—									
July, 1956	..	..	132,636	42,715	175,351	..	342	15,846	191,539
August, "	..	..	135,730	43,329	179,059	..	317	16,311	195,687
September, "	..	..	135,802	43,065	178,867	..	334	17,638	196,839

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.

1952-53	..	226	943,747	218,699	1,162,446	158	10,628	14,247	1,187,705
1953-54	..	14	1,035,707	239,774	1,275,481	158	3,360	14,980	1,293,993
1954-55	..	9	1,047,677	262,986	1,310,663	158	3,282	16,432	1,330,544
1955-56	..	6	1,032,332	263,107	1,295,439	158	6,528	16,913	1,319,044
Quarter ended—									
September, 1955	..	6	1,002,952	264,357	1,267,309	158	3,260	14,994	1,285,727
December, "	..	6	1,034,066	261,915	1,295,981	158	3,439	17,769	1,317,353
March, 1956	..	6	1,072,497	260,117	1,332,614	158	2,127	16,226	1,351,131
June, "	..	6	1,019,944	265,949	1,285,893	158	17,050	18,729	1,321,836
September, "	..	6	962,171	279,344	1,241,515	158	13,890	16,657	1,272,226
Month of—									
July, 1956	..	6	967,943	275,495	1,243,438	158	18,050	16,249	1,277,901
August, "	..	6	955,788	278,616	1,234,404	158	13,554	15,954	1,264,076
September, "	..	6	964,378	284,102	1,248,480	158	10,152	17,944	1,276,740

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1952-53	..	19,286	35,848	15,302	51,150	..	622	525	71,583
1953-54	..	19,734	39,408	15,309	54,717	..	664	454	75,569
1954-55	..	20,520	41,415	16,069	57,484	..	554	461	79,019
1955-56	..	20,569	39,726	16,359	56,085	..	1,536	484	78,674
Quarter ended—									
September, 1955	..	20,787	36,963	16,488	53,451	..	1,304	529	76,071
December, "	..	20,673	36,949	16,423	53,372	..	1,566	507	76,118
March, 1956	..	20,447	42,924	16,282	59,206	..	1,396	386	81,435
June, "	..	20,377	41,856	16,247	58,103	..	1,879	518	80,877
September, "	..	20,329	38,154	16,438	54,592	..	854	483	76,258
Month of—									
July, 1956	..	20,272	38,546	16,592	55,138	..	1,026	410	76,846
August, "	..	20,337	37,888	16,474	54,362	..	974	326	75,999
September, "	..	20,375	38,094	16,239	54,333	..	532	754	75,994

ALL-CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1952-53	..	19,512	1,076,250	256,818	1,333,077	158	15,070	23,341	1,391,158
1953-54	..	19,748	1,106,000	290,435	1,486,435	158	6,058	27,200	1,539,599
1954-55	..	20,529	1,220,001	322,604	1,542,605	158	4,145	33,041	1,600,478
1955-56	..	20,575	1,207,675	325,709	1,533,384	158	8,378	34,893	1,597,388
Quarter ended—									
September, 1955	..	20,793	1,171,368	329,354	1,500,722	158	4,835	31,837	1,558,345
December, "	..	20,679	1,209,785	326,470	1,536,255	158	5,318	36,484	1,598,894
March, 1956	..	20,453	1,249,117	323,006	1,572,123	158	3,868	34,369	1,630,971
June, "	..	20,383	1,200,590	324,066	1,524,656	158	19,255	37,006	1,601,458
September, "	..	20,335	1,135,125	335,841	1,473,966	158	15,074	33,716	1,543,249
Month of—									
July, 1956	..	20,278	1,139,125	334,802	1,473,927	158	19,418	32,505	1,546,286
August, "	..	20,343	1,129,406	338,419	1,467,825	158	14,845	32,591	1,535,762
September, "	..	20,381	1,138,274	343,406	1,481,680	158	11,018	36,336	1,549,573

(a) Averages of liabilities at close of business on weekly balance days in periods. (b) Includes short term loans from Central Bank. (c) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

Cheque-paying Banks—continued.
Average Assets within Australia.(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Cash and Cash Balances.(b)	Special Account with C'wealth Bank.	Balances with other Banks. (c)	Australian Public Securities.		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(d)									
1952-53	8,784	21,731	1,600	17,239	25,840	92	59,492	3,984	138,762
1953-54	11,000	34,800	787	23,404	29,924	1,284	69,204	4,360	174,763
1954-55	10,456	36,061	870	12,260	38,165	1,606	89,135	5,675	194,231
1955-56	10,213	33,155	1,238	6,333	38,599	1,824	103,894	6,815	202,071
Quarter ended—									
September, 1955 ..	10,000	32,835	791	5,000	39,711	1,676	104,886	6,299	201,198
December,	10,519	32,650	1,377	9,209	40,017	1,667	104,932	6,939	207,310
March, 1956	10,150	33,942	1,225	4,308	39,058	1,707	104,457	6,847	201,694
June,	10,212	33,158	1,569	7,038	35,720	2,230	101,380	7,182	198,499
September,	9,299	31,150	932	3,385	36,410	2,667	105,868	7,075	196,786
Month of—									
July, 1956	8,931	31,150	847	2,000	35,720	2,663	105,330	7,138	193,777
August,	9,342	31,150	1,014	4,000	36,319	2,670	106,002	7,066	197,563
September,	9,614	31,150	914	4,000	37,216	2,669	106,238	7,024	198,826

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.

1952-53	74,712	211,737	22,580	123,059	86,513	2,313	638,092	2,693	1,188,699
1953-54	71,241	285,226	17,346	99,361	130,306	3,588	658,534	33,549	1,302,161
1954-55	66,908	269,117	18,436	51,602	121,927	3,425	776,782	48,925	1,357,102
1955-56	66,883	238,803	19,672	50,015	113,977	5,821	804,392	56,060	1,355,623
Quarter ended—									
September, 1955 ..	67,191	234,026	17,418	21,481	110,172	4,997	824,178	54,580	1,334,043
December,	66,336	231,903	21,436	33,708	109,193	6,459	823,776	57,337	1,350,148
March, 1956	69,451	247,726	18,812	99,673	116,580	6,023	777,702	55,066	1,391,033
June,	64,508	241,026	21,158	43,943	119,593	5,855	793,403	57,360	1,346,846
September,	68,284	223,403	18,016	31,719	117,174	6,937	787,712	57,652	1,310,897
Month of—									
July, 1956	64,942	223,403	17,572	29,563	115,485	6,952	797,733	57,827	1,313,477
August,	68,461	223,403	18,292	28,900	116,333	6,865	787,044	57,690	1,306,988
September,	71,403	223,403	18,114	37,400	119,916	7,011	778,526	57,431	1,313,204

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1952-53	4,640	1,153	2,176	3,911	13,874	149	64,731	3,792	94,426
1953-54	5,091	1,090	2,409	7,326	13,977	432	65,982	3,815	100,122
1954-55	4,586	1,108	2,198	5,641	13,972	701	72,189	4,923	105,318
1955-56	3,992	883	1,588	4,119	14,388	245	75,825	5,332	106,372
Quarter ended—									
September, 1955 ..	3,891	926	1,638	3,196	13,733	382	74,580	4,786	103,132
December,	3,826	891	1,672	3,300	14,086	199	76,075	4,778	104,827
March, 1956	4,368	867	1,530	5,002	14,840	190	75,949	6,008	108,754
June,	3,869	846	1,519	4,915	14,870	207	76,717	5,712	108,655
September,	3,454	830	1,591	2,154	14,800	349	75,875	5,244	104,297
Month of—									
July, 1956	3,370	841	1,590	2,725	14,885	180	76,670	5,152	105,413
August,	3,203	826	1,448	1,800	14,811	440	75,852	5,147	103,527
September,	3,851	825	1,770	2,025	14,700	406	75,111	5,456	104,144

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1952-53	88,136	234,621	26,356	144,209	126,227	2,554	762,315	37,469	1,421,887
1953-54	87,335	321,116	20,542	130,098	174,207	5,304	793,720	44,724	1,577,046
1954-55	81,950	306,286	21,504	69,503	174,064	5,732	938,089	59,523	1,656,651
1955-56	81,088	272,841	22,498	60,467	166,964	7,890	984,111	68,207	1,664,066
Quarter ended—									
September, 1955 ..	81,082	267,787	19,847	29,677	163,616	7,055	1,003,644	65,665	1,638,373
December,	80,681	265,444	24,485	46,217	163,296	8,325	1,004,783	69,054	1,662,286
March, 1956	83,969	282,525	21,567	108,983	170,478	7,920	958,108	67,921	1,701,481
June,	78,589	275,030	24,246	55,896	170,183	8,292	971,500	70,254	1,653,990
September,	81,037	255,383	20,539	37,258	168,384	9,953	969,455	69,971	1,611,980
Month of—									
July, 1956	77,243	255,394	20,099	34,288	166,090	9,795	979,733	70,115	1,612,667
August,	81,006	255,379	20,754	34,700	167,163	9,975	968,898	69,903	1,608,078
September,	84,868	255,378	20,798	43,425	171,832	10,086	959,875	69,911	1,616,173

(a) Averages of assets at close of business on weekly balance days in periods. (b) Coin, bullion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank. (c) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks. (d) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments—Average Weekly Assets.
(£'000.)

Period.	Advances.					Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.
	Rural Credits Department.	Mortgage Bank Department.	Industrial Finance Department.		Total.		
			Hire Purchase.	Other.			
1952-53	44,863	4,267	14,847	8,145	72,122	469	946
1953-54	43,183	4,528	16,631	4,749	69,091	628	1,745
1954-55	62,316	4,837	17,015	6,717	90,885	747	2,146
1955-56	73,751	5,068	16,570	9,031	104,420	597	3,022
Quarter ended—							
September, 1955 ..	52,354	5,068	16,905	8,603	82,930	527	2,462
December,	49,388	5,085	17,149	9,105	80,727	446	2,825
March, 1956	93,291	5,066	16,497	9,101	123,955	662	3,044
June,	98,098	5,055	15,773	9,320	128,246	742	3,742
September,	65,999	5,081	15,889	9,279	96,248	748	4,090
Month of—							
July, 1956	76,933	5,089	15,691	9,182	106,895	725	3,791
August,	64,790	5,081	15,757	9,306	94,934	890	4,224
September,	56,576	5,072	16,252	9,343	87,243	588	4,223

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Central Banking Business (Including Note Issue Department).

(Averages of weekly figures.)

(£A'000.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Li- abilities (excluding Capital and Reserve Funds).	Gold and Balances Held Abroad.	Govern- ment and Other Secur- ities (includ- ing Treas- ury Bills).
	Held by—		Total.					
	Banks.	Public.						
1952-53	36,860	281,332	318,192	212,890	45,447	287,361	363,576	434,771
1953-54	38,539	299,684	338,223	306,820	41,731	283,397	512,615	407,979
1954-55	40,913	316,110	357,023	306,286	36,795	243,468	415,896	459,839
1955-56	42,965	331,131	374,096	272,841	35,630	208,717	298,885	515,716
Quarter ended—								
September, 1955 ..	40,150	325,910	366,060	267,787	37,682	213,227	342,025	486,641
December,	42,872	333,839	376,711	265,444	35,081	208,396	300,922	536,385
March, 1956	43,834	333,092	376,926	282,535	36,457	210,084	288,791	527,164
June	44,998	331,889	376,887	275,030	33,256	203,185	263,960	514,261
September,	42,872	333,866	376,738	255,383	37,600	202,533	287,397	516,186
Month of—								
July, 1956	43,111	330,733	373,844	255,394	33,472	202,185	282,420	497,159
August,	42,807	333,762	376,569	255,379	38,420	201,719	291,951	513,799
September,	42,713	337,131	379,844	255,378	40,701	203,897	286,682	538,198

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.

(£'000.)

Denomination.	25th Sept., 1939.	30th Sept., 1953.	29th Sept., 1954.	28th Sept., 1955.	25th July, 1956.	29th Aug., 1956.	26th Sept., 1956.
10s.	4,205	9,864	10,019	10,331	10,606	10,667	10,736
£1	22,186	67,845	69,576	68,283	73,187	73,194	73,238
£5	13,054	164,506	173,455	182,100	162,823	167,050	168,633
£10	6,174	89,855	96,978	108,505	125,246	127,022	128,263
£20	101	6	6	4	4	4	4
£50	1,554	52	50	47	45	45	45
£100	2,703	58	56	51	50	50	49
£1,000	1,048	427	937	932	1,008	937	1,501
Held by Banks	13,746	37,306	36,257	39,112	42,710	43,012	42,320
“ “ Public	37,279	295,307	314,820	331,141	330,259	335,957	340,149
Total	51,025	332,613	351,077	370,253	372,969	378,969	382,469

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS. (£'000.)

Amount on deposit at end of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
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ALL SAVINGS BANKS.(a)

June—1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1953 ..	319,149	319,971	109,360	113,875	49,794	32,078	1,116	2,154	947,497
1954 ..	339,796	339,781	117,406	122,949	52,614	33,947	1,308	2,328	1,010,129
1955 ..	358,645	364,748	124,814	131,692	53,629	35,809	1,482	2,575	1,073,394
1956 ..	386,676	386,176	132,700	135,756	57,934	37,211	4,666		1,141,119
Sept., 1955	359,521	368,892	126,535	132,890	54,574	36,698	1,562	2,682	1,083,354
Dec., „	364,119	371,892	128,132	132,760	54,372	36,393	1,522	2,679	1,091,369
Mar., 1956	374,400	375,313	129,075	133,091	55,430	36,531	4,375		1,108,215
June, „	386,676	386,176	132,700	135,756	57,934	37,211	4,666		1,141,119
July, „	390,346	388,311	134,094	136,699	58,599	37,567	4,730		1,150,346
Aug., „	394,726	392,696	135,938	137,204	59,591	38,266	4,796		1,163,220
Sept., „	399,670	396,293	137,894	137,655	60,519	38,526	4,840		1,175,397

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK.

June—1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1953 ..	319,149	85,137	109,360	25,483	49,794	12,170	1,116	2,154	604,383
1954 ..	339,796	94,174	117,406	28,192	52,614	12,869	1,308	2,328	648,687
1955 ..	358,645	104,597	124,814	30,547	53,629	13,764	1,482	2,575	690,053
1956 ..	363,833	110,215	126,998	31,880	54,295	14,312	4,384		705,917
Sept., 1955	359,521	106,622	126,535	30,987	54,574	13,973	1,562	2,682	696,456
Dec., „	364,119	108,122	128,132	31,037	54,372	13,870	1,522	2,679	703,853
Mar., 1956	361,379	108,287	125,787	31,168	53,730	13,853	4,209		698,413
June, „	363,833	110,215	126,998	31,880	54,295	14,312	4,384		705,917
July, „	362,704	110,561	127,276	32,204	54,300	14,454	4,397		705,905
Aug., „	361,936	111,155	127,955	32,399	54,559	14,650	4,413		707,067
Sept., „	363,383	111,956	129,062	32,484	54,920	14,735	4,405		710,945

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

NOTE.—Sales of War Savings and Savings Certificates were discontinued after 31st January, 1949, except for sales to wind up savings groups, &c. The net amount outstanding at the end of September, 1956, was £22,446,000.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS—AVERAGE WEEKLY DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at Capital City Branches.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total
1952-53	151,938	131,998	43,796	30,063	22,091	8,850	580	389,316
1953-54	171,709	154,885	51,032	32,802	25,339	9,938	775	446,480
1954-55	187,471	176,147	53,873	36,287	26,247	10,716	821	491,562
1955-56	200,852	185,369	56,028	39,564	26,918	11,615	1,025	521,371
Quarter ended—								
September, 1955 ..	193,535	172,984	56,203	36,669	25,062	10,984	926	496,363
December, „ ..	211,406	195,159	58,105	40,025	27,463	11,336	999	545,093
March, 1956	190,013	182,530	52,606	40,150	28,201	11,130	1,109	505,739
June „	208,454	190,805	57,198	40,811	26,947	13,011	1,065	538,291
September, „ ..	200,565	176,866	58,661	38,372	26,709	11,739	1,041	513,953
Month of—								
July, 1956	214,574	184,979	61,952	40,481	26,399	12,269	1,005	541,659
August, „	189,028	165,060	55,522	35,511	24,924	11,089	941	482,075
Sept., „	200,976	183,512	59,293	39,888	29,250	12,022	1,202	526,093

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1956.

Particulars.	Rate per Annum.	Date from which Operative.	Previous Rate per Annum.
	Per cent.		Per cent.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia—			
Rural Credits Department—Government Guaranteed Loans ..	4	1.4.56	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Other ..	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.4.56	4
Mortgage Bank Department Loans—			
5 to 20 years	5	1.4.56	{ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 4 $\frac{5}{8}$ 4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Over 20 years			
Industrial Finance Department—Term Loans ..	(a) 6	1.4.56	
Commonwealth Savings Bank—			
Loans to Local Government Authorities ..	5 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	29.3.56	4 $\frac{7}{8}$ to 5
Crédit Foncier Housing Loans ..	5	9.4.56	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Loans to Co-operative Building and Housing Societies	5	1.4.56	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Commonwealth Trading Bank—			
Overdraft—General	(a) 6	1.4.56	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Local Government Authorities ..	5	1.4.56	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Other Trading Banks—Overdraft	(a) 6	1.4.56	5
Life Assurance Companies—Loans on own policies	6	1-21.5.56	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Commonwealth Loans—Long Term	5	10.5.56	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Treasury Bills (Discount Rates)	1	1.8.52	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Fixed Deposits with Trading Banks—			
3 months	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	15.3.56	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
6 months	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	15.3.56	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
12 months	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	15.3.56	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
24 months	3	15.3.56	2
Savings Banks—Deposits other than Fixed Deposits—			
Commonwealth Savings Bank and Savings Banks not specified elsewhere—			
£1 to £500	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	1.4.56	{ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ 1 $\frac{1}{4}$
£501 to £1,000			
£1,001 to £1,500(b)			
Savings Bank of South Australia—			
£1 to £750	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	1.4.56	{ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
£751 to £1,500(b)			
Trustee Savings Banks, Hobart and Launceston—			
£1- £450(c)	3	1.3.56	2 $\frac{3}{4}$

(a) Maximum rate. Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. (b) No interest is payable on the excess over £1,500 except on deposits in Friendly and other Society accounts. The current rates for these accounts are:—On first £2,000, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ %; and on excess over £2,000, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ %.

(c) No interest is payable on the excess over £450.

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, AND SECURITY YIELDS.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Trading Banks—						C'wealth. Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate of Interest).	Treasury Bills (Discount Rates).	C'wealth. Govt. Securities.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales Urban and Rural Securities. (c) (d)
	Fixed Deposits.				Overdrafts.				Short-dated 2 Years. (b)	Long-dated 12 Years. (b)	
	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.	C'wealth. Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.					
1938-39 ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.25	(e)	2.00	1.75	(f)3.67	(f)3.84	5.4
1951-52 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(g)1.50	(h)4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	2.05	3.95	4.4
1952-53 ..	0.96	1.21	1.46	1.73	4.71	4.96	2.23	0.98	3.03	4.54	4.7
1953-54 ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.10	4.44	4.9
1954-55 ..	1.13	1.38	1.63	1.88	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.49	4.50	5.2
1955-56 ..	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	5.07	5.25	2.56	1.00	4.39	4.76	5.7
Month of—											(i)
Sept., 1955	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.23	4.51	5.5
Dec., "	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.19	4.53	5.7
Mar., 1956	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.68	5.12	5.9
June, "	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(j)6.00	(j)6.00	2.75	1.00	5.13	5.34	6.1
July, 1956	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(j)6.00	(j)6.00	2.75	1.00	4.68	5.15	6.2
Aug., "	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(j)6.00	(j)6.00	2.75	1.00	4.70	5.05	6.3
Sept., "	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(j)6.00	(j)6.00	2.75	1.00	4.99	5.04	6.4

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (c) This series has been revised and now covers both rural and urban securities. A dissection of mortgage registrations between urban and rural is no longer available. (d) Average of monthly quotations.

(e) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. (f) Weighted averages for loans maturing in (i) under 5 years and (ii) over 10 years, for last Wednesday in month. Calculated when loans above par or earliest date of maturity. (g) From December, 1945, to July 1952, 1.50 per cent. on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00 per cent. on amounts in excess, and from 1st August, 1952, 1.75 per cent. on first £10,000 deposit; 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess.

(h) Since July, 1940, rate for Municipal and Semi-Governmental Authorities, 0.25 per cent. lower and since April, 1956 one per cent. lower than rates shown. (i) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (j) Maximum rate. Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent.

OVERSEA EXCHANGE RATES: AVERAGE TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER SELLING RATES—SYDNEY ON OVERSEA COUNTRIES.

Country.	Basis of Quotation.	1938-39.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	Sept., 1955.	Sept., 1956.
United Kingdom ..	£A. to £100 Eng.	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50
South Africa ..	£A. to £100 S.A.	125.55	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79
New Zealand ..	£A. to £100 N.Z.	100.59	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54
Fiji ..	£A. to £100 F.	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00
United States of America	Dollars to £A.1	3.76	2.24	2.23	2.23	2.22	2.21
Canada ..	Dollars to £A.1	3.78	2.19	2.17	2.21	2.19	2.16
Belgium ..	Francs to £A.1	110.94	110.88	110.60	110.38	110.05	110.16
Denmark ..	Kroner to £A.1	17.78	15.34	15.36	15.31	15.30	15.30
France ..	Francs to £A.1	141.21	777.96	776.7	778.02	772.87	778.54
Holland ..	Florins to £A.1	6.94	8.34	8.42	8.43	8.39	8.43
Philippines ..	Pesos to £A.1	7.53	4.46	4.45	4.44	4.44	4.45
Norway ..	Kroner to £A.1	15.80	15.83	15.84	15.84	15.83	15.82
Norway ..	Francs to £A.1	(a)	138.65	138.61	138.61	138.61	138.61
Sweden ..	Kronor to £A.1	15.41	11.49	11.51	11.48	11.41	11.41
Switzerland ..	Francs to £A.1	16.59	9.69	9.71	9.70	9.66	9.68
Hong Kong ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	18.88	18.83	18.84	18.78	18.77	18.80
India ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	22.60	22.76	22.73	22.72	22.73	22.72
Pakistan ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(b)	32.69	32.69	23.57	22.73	22.72
Ceylon ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(c)	22.81	22.80	22.77	22.81	22.80
Singapore ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	35.22	35.30	35.42	35.27	35.47	35.27

(a) Not available. (b) Pakistan created separate Dominion from 15th August, 1947. Previously part of India. (c) Ceylon created separate Dominion from 4th February, 1946. Quotations previously same as India.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

EXCLUDES BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND THE QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE.

New Policies Issued and Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(b)

Period.	New Policies Issued.					Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(c)				
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.		No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.	
1939.. ..	135,511	£'000. 46,635	385,498	£'000. 18,542	£'000. 65,177	76,917	£'000. 24,094	262,096	£'000. 12,132	£'000. 36,226
1952-53	283,718	225,944	274,232	35,347	261,291	117,886	67,157	250,106	19,081	86,238
1953-54	284,504	254,125	239,569	32,562	286,687	143,766	81,268	261,779	20,556	101,824
1954-55	282,059	292,374	220,979	32,809	325,183	149,683	93,932	275,754	22,538	116,470
1955-56	297,558	335,231	210,607	32,657	367,888	168,201	110,060	277,099	23,755	133,815
Quarter ended—										
September, 1955 ..	93,460	98,585	60,451	9,441	108,026	41,880	28,965	63,179	4,877	33,842
December,	74,225	95,005	54,380	8,597	103,602	42,195	25,736	76,990	6,610	32,346
March, 1956	58,334	59,225	40,100	6,061	65,286	36,833	25,882	62,296	5,758	31,640
June,	71,539	82,416	55,676	8,558	90,974	47,293	29,477	74,634	6,510	35,987
September,	83,515	101,299	65,812	10,341	111,640	44,211	30,357	70,994	5,854	36,211
Month of—										
July, 1956	24,612	31,567	20,260	3,211	34,778	14,929	10,351	26,566	2,287	12,638
Aug.,	26,391	31,273	20,595	3,233	34,506	14,637	10,342	24,165	2,060	12,402
Sept.,	32,512	38,459	24,957	3,897	42,356	14,645	9,664	20,263	1,507	11,171

(a) Includes Papua and New Guinea. (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes policies which became due for payment on account of death or maturity, policies surrendered and policies discontinued for other causes.

Premiums Received, Amounts Paid on Claims, Surrenders, &c., and New Loans Granted.(a) (£'000.)

Period.	Premiums.(b)			Claims, &c., Paid.(c)			New Loans Granted.(d)
	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	
1939	13,732	6,490	20,222	10,024	3,632	13,656	(e)
1952-53	50,237	13,761	63,998	18,911	7,426	26,337	36,136
1953-54	56,152	14,062	70,214	21,148	8,036	29,184	34,459
1954-55	62,101	14,616	76,717	23,791	8,853	32,644	51,825
1955-56	69,427	14,734	84,161	27,159	9,511	36,670	56,925
Quarter ended—							
Sept., 1955	17,586	3,635	21,221	7,161	2,520	9,681	14,491
December,	16,884	4,104	20,988	6,781	2,311	9,092	15,931
March, 1956	15,216	3,166	18,382	6,065	2,204	8,269	12,938
June,	19,741	3,829	23,570	7,152	2,476	9,628	13,565
September,	19,478	3,729	23,207	7,733	2,704	10,437	15,267
Month of—							
July, 1956	6,846	1,203	8,049	2,674	912	3,586	5,796
Aug.,	6,257	1,284	7,541	2,627	953	3,580	4,724
Sept.,	6,375	1,242	7,617	2,432	839	3,271	4,747

(a) Includes Papua and New Guinea. (b) Includes consideration for annuities. (c) Includes claims paid on maturity, amounts paid on surrender of policy, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (d) Excludes advances of premiums. (e) Not available.

Section VII.—Public Finance.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—RECEIPTS.
(£'000.)

Sources of Revenue.	1938-39.	1954-55.	1955-56.	Three months ended September—	
				1955.	1956.
TAXATION—					
Customs	31,161	101,254	87,508	23,531	19,232
Excise	16,472	143,149	168,264	36,784	49,322
Sales Tax	9,308	100,446	110,001	25,171	27,351
Flour Tax(a)	1,809	..	..	..	..
Land Tax	1,489	13	..	..	..
Income Taxes(b)	11,883	532,916	573,988	77,039	69,230
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	..	41,455	45,543	11,188	12,000
Estate Duty	1,915	9,614	10,120	2,331	2,787
Gift Duty .. .. .	..	1,618	1,820	414	460
Entertainments Tax .. .. .	..	-2	-1	..	..
Wool Contributory Charge and Wool Tax(a) (c) ..	74	784	851	97	110
Wheat Export Charge(a) .. .. .	..	5,063	4,294	1,793	..
Other Export Charges(a)(d) .. .. .	..	300	419	124	90
Stevedoring Industry Charge(a) .. .. .	..	998	973	258	232
Tobacco Industry Charge(a) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	8
Total, Taxation	74,111	937,608	1,003,780	178,730	180,922
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	17,366	72,825	79,341	18,923	19,914
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	331	1,928	2,545	452	649
Central Australia	138	1,483	1,937	444	367
North Australia	50	70	86	19	9
Australian Capital Territory	7	29	15	4	15
Total, Railways	526	3,510	4,583	919	1,040
Broadcasting and Television Services	(e)	3,875	3,897	1,166	1,236
Total, Business Undertakings	17,892	80,210	87,821	21,008	22,190
TERRITORIES(f)	356	2,419	2,249	660	532
OTHER REVENUE—					
Coinage	128	725	199	..	..
Defence	151	4,106	3,320	888	915
Atomic Energy Commission .. .. .	..	1,082	30	8	..
Civil Aviation	6	4,644	1,159	122	164
Health	18	86	94	24	22
Attorney-General	111	371	408	88	103
Commerce and Agriculture	6	..	..	..	..
Shipping and Transport	152	321	329	65	69
Net Profit on Note Issue	767	5,516	7,866	2,266	2,438
Other	1,367	30,353	30,603	4,912	5,083
Total	2,706	47,204	44,508	8,373	8,794
Grand Total	95,065	1,067,441	1,138,358	208,771	212,438
PER HEAD OF POPULATION	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Taxation	10 13 9	103 2 11	106 9 10	19 8 6	19 3 10
Business Undertakings	2 11 7	8 16 6	9 6 4	2 5 8	2 7 1
Other	0 8 10	5 9 2	4 19 3	0 19 8	0 19 9
Total	13 14 2	117 8 7	120 15 5	22 13 10	22 10 8

(a) Paid to Trust Fund for purposes of industry concerned. (b) Includes Social Services Contribution, Wool Deduction, Undistributed Profits Tax and Super Tax. (c) Wool levy for publicity and research. (d) Prior to 1952-53 treated as refunds of revenue. (e) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department, balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account revenue. (f) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates excess of refunds.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—EXPENDITURE. (£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	1938-39.	1954-55.	1955-56.	Three Months ended September—	
				1955.	1956.
Administrative and Miscellaneous Services	5,316	(a) 72,030	(a) 80,838	(a) 20,619	(a) 21,545
Interest and Debt Redemption, n.e.i.(b) ..	3,839	6,645	8,799	(c) 17,319	(c) 16,813
Capital Works and Services, n.e.i. ..	634	59,586	61,390	13,535	13,989
National Welfare and Social Services(d) ..	16,428	189,319	214,866	54,922	55,931
Subsidies and Bounties ..	236	21,539	17,393	3,523	2,423
Defence Services	8,928	186,794	190,716	35,959	42,951
War and Repatriation Services—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	9,665	58,507	59,813	(e)	(e)
War Pensions	8,227	44,548	47,307	11,024	12,121
Other Services	1,365	17,270	17,367	6,272	6,242
Total, War and Repatriation Services	19,257	120,325	124,487	17,296	18,363
Business Undertakings—					
Postmaster-General's Department—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	2,887	2,958	2,323	(e)	(e)
Capital Works and Services	3,851	25,839	28,970	8,280	7,897
Other	11,991	73,289	83,304	18,453	21,220
Total, Postmaster-General's Department	18,729	102,086	114,597	26,733	29,117
Railways—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	530	573	560	(e)	(e)
Capital Works and Services	142	3,110	2,674	389	487
Other	801	3,049	3,161	690	887
Total, Railways	1,473	6,722	6,395	1,079	1,374
Broadcasting and Television Services—					
Capital Works and Services .. ..	..	273	817	53	449
Other .. .. .	..	4,871	5,590	1,258	1,379
Total, Broadcasting and Television Services	(f)	5,144	6,407	1,311	1,828
Total, Business Undertakings	20,202	113,952	127,399	29,123	32,319
Territories(g)—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	376	361	366	(e)	(e)
Capital Works and Services	739	5,168	8,049	1,741	1,646
Oversea Expenditure	(h)	(h)	(h)	(i) 207	(i) 377
Other—					
Northern Territory	323	2,749	3,195	663	800
Australian Capital Territory	349	2,514	2,385	601	478
Papua-New Guinea	47	7,313	8,615	1,761	1,851
Norfolk Island	5	34	30	7	5
Cocos Island .. .. .	..	..	12	..	2
Total, Territories	1,839	18,139	22,652	4,980	5,159
Payments to or for the States—					
Interest on States' Debts(j)	7,585	7,585	7,585	1,896	1,896
Redemption of States' Debts	1,478	3,947	4,310	1,095	1,173
Special Grants	2,020	12,300	18,500	3,412	4,800
Grants, for Road Construction, &c., purposes	4,266	22,361	27,469	6,895	8,100
Tax Reimbursement Grants .. ..	..	130,046	141,578	31,378	34,809
States Grants—Special Assistance ..	..	19,902	15,348	..	..
Tuberculosis Act—Re-imbursement of Capital Expenditure .. .. .	..	1,709	1,758	147	206
Mental Institutions—Contribution to Capital Expenditure .. .. .	..	..	..	..	38
Other(k)	320	2,879	3,904	672	947
Total, Payments to or for the States	15,669	200,729	220,542	45,495	51,969
Other Expenditure	2,089	8,232	7,663	2,280	1,364
GRAND TOTAL	94,437	(l) 997,290	1,076,745	245,051	262,826
PER HEAD OF POPULATION	£ s. d. 13 12 5	£ s. d. 109 14 3	£ s. d. 114 4 8	£ s. d. 26 12 8	£ s. d. 27 17 7

(a) Includes freight concessions on North Australia and Central Australia Railways. (b) Includes exchange on interest payments. (c) Includes Interest and Debt Redemption for War and Repatriation Services, Business Undertakings and Territories for which quarterly figures are not available. (d) For expenditure on Social Services see page 76. (e) Not available (see note (c)). (f) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account expenditure. (g) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (h) Included in the Territories. (i) Not allocable between the Territories. (j) Excludes balance of interest payable on States debts (recoverable from States). (k) Includes contributions to South Australia for Port Augusta—Port Pirie Railway. (l) Excludes transfer of surplus revenue 1954-55, £70,151,000; and 1955-56, £61,613,000 to Trust Accounts.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUND.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	Total to 30th June, 1956.
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services	..	..	..	..	..	372,990
Defence and War (1939-45) Services	..	..	..	..	..	..
and Post-war Charges .. ..	..	5,684	4,199	4,039	7,622	1,640,350
Works and Services—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites ..	1,912	..	..	..	..	8,682
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works	..	..	..	..	..	213
Ships, Yards and Docks ..	Cr. 305	..	..	..	..	7,694
Lighthouses, Works and Services ..	Cr. 1	..	..	..	..	634
River Murray Waters Act ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department ..	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	..	Cr. 2	Cr. 1	40,527
Health Buildings, Laboratories and	..	..	..	..	..	..
Services .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	102
War Service Homes(a) .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways .. ..	..	Cr. 4	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 5	13,744
Territories(b)	Cr. 7	Cr. 9	Cr. 12	Cr. 4	Cr. 3	8,716
Other .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,109
Assistance to States—	..	..	..	..	..	..
Housing .. ..	..	30,000	37,200	29,150	33,200	240,559
Other	1,996	..	..	..	..	13,943
Wheat Bounty .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Emergency Wheat Storage .. ..	..	..	..	..	3,182	3,182
Total Additions, New Works,						
Buildings, &c.	3,594	29,986	37,187	29,143	36,373	353,970
International Bank Dollar Loans(c) ..	..	17,935	21,468	23,575	19,369	110,222
Swiss Loans(d) .. ..	..	..	5,792	5,930	..	11,722
Canadian Loan(e) .. ..	..	..	..	..	6,459	6,459
GRAND TOTAL	3,594	53,605	68,646	62,687	69,823	2,495,713

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24. (b) Includes administration and other public buildings, Australian Capital Territory. (c) Paid to National Debt Sinking Fund. (d) Paid to Swiss Loan Trust Account. (e) Paid to Canadian Loan Trust Account.

PUBLIC LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR DEFENCE, WAR (1939-45) AND POST-WAR CHARGES, ETC.(a)

Year and Month of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Sub- scribers.	Allocation of Proceeds.			Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			Commonwealth.		States.		
			Defence, War (1939-45) and Post-war Charges.	Advances to States for Housing.			
	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	
1951—May ..	40,000	46,192	328	..	48,938	2, 3½	1954, (b) 1962-65
August ..	40,000	22,628	..	3,840	28,660	2, 3½	1954, 1962-65
November ..	13,233	12,909	..	1,470	12,076	"	"
1952—March ..	30,533	19,449	..	1,787	15,862	"	1955, 1962-65
November ..	20,000	26,925	..	2,459	17,810	4½	1961
1953—March ..	29,789	20,841	92	3,595	28,331	3, 4½	(c) 1955, 1962
September ..	50,000	30,977	..	6,850	59,468	"	1955, 1966
1954—March ..	35,000	24,974	..	65	52,000	"	(d) 1957, 1967
August ..	37,594	26,832	..	5	46,505	"	(d) 1957, 1967
November ..	50,000	18,383	..	..	37,159	"	(e) 1957, 1968
1955—March ..	40,000	13,299	..	1	44,095	"	(f) 1957, 1968
August ..	35,000	23,630	..	5	39,627	"	(g) 1956, 1965, 1970
November ..	30,000	11,653	..	18	28,032	"	(g) 1956, 1965, 1970
1956—May ..	30,000	20,734	..	34	33,000	3½, 5	(c) 1957, (c) 1963
August ..	30,000	14,871	..	..	31,432	"	(g) 1957, (g) 1963, 1976

(a) Excludes redemption and conversion loans. (b) Price of issue: £90. (c) Price of Issue: £90 10s. (d) Price of issue: £98 10s. (e) Price of issue: £98 15s. (f) Price of issue: £99 5s. (g) Price of issue: £99 15s.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.

For a summary of Commonwealth Public Debt as at 30th June, 1956, see page 75.

**COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION,
INDIVIDUALS—1954-55.(a)**

Grade of Actual Income and State or Territory of Assessment.		Number of Tax- payers.	Actual Income.	Taxable Income.			Net Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessed.
				Personal Exertion.	Property.	Total.	
£	£	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
105-	200	166,549	25,837	23,144	1,726	24,870	258
201-	300	220,238	55,468	49,094	2,821	51,915	1,181
301-	400	247,650	86,938	75,757	3,782	79,539	2,903
401-	500	281,466	127,263	108,903	4,831	113,734	5,614
501-	600	329,867	181,160	154,240	4,883	159,123	9,645
601-	700	339,308	221,359	177,300	4,831	182,131	12,540
701-	800	472,930	355,466	274,746	5,011	279,757	21,129
801-	900	428,201	362,936	275,062	5,013	280,075	23,229
901-	1,000	308,464	292,231	220,282	4,786	225,068	20,564
1,001-	1,250	382,728	421,095	312,568	10,053	322,621	33,422
1,251-	1,500	134,385	182,232	135,088	7,990	143,078	17,922
1,501-	2,000	101,130	172,527	129,094	12,122	141,216	21,930
2,001-	3,000	70,043	168,702	128,647	16,110	144,757	30,330
3,001-	4,000	27,762	95,414	74,101	10,590	84,691	22,690
4,001-	5,000	13,155	58,379	45,111	7,647	52,758	16,681
5,001-	10,000	16,995	112,677	85,499	17,931	103,430	42,617
10,001-	15,000	2,795	33,351	24,819	6,339	31,158	16,212
15,001 and over		1,528	36,476	25,691	7,778	33,469	20,241
Total Residents		3,545,184	2,989,511	2,319,146	134,244	2,453,390	319,108
Central Office	..	12,631	38,900	23,251	11,595	34,846	13,826
New South Wales	..	1,331,242	1,129,790	881,594	46,187	927,781	118,700
Victoria	..	1,025,706	846,543	659,711	39,997	699,708	85,287
Queensland	..	481,712	391,042	301,985	12,822	314,807	41,793
South Australia	..	321,439	271,416	209,710	12,673	222,383	27,639
Western Australia	..	242,733	207,868	162,732	7,479	170,211	22,628
Tasmania	..	110,081	85,945	65,952	3,147	69,099	7,448
Northern Territory	..	5,537	5,226	4,085	53	4,138	484
Australian Capital Territory	..	14,103	12,781	10,126	291	10,417	1,303
Total Residents	..	3,545,184	2,989,511	2,319,146	134,244	2,453,390	319,108
Total Non-Residents	..	3,953	4,781	1,143	3,342	4,485	1,066
Grand Total	..	3,549,137	2,994,292	2,320,289	137,586	2,457,875	320,174

(a) Assessed on income for year 1953-54.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.

Resident and Non-Resident Companies 1954-55.(a)

Grade of Taxable Income and State or Territory of Assessment.				Number of Taxpayers.	Actual Income.	Taxable Income.	Net Tax Assessed.(b)
£	£			No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1	5,000	..	..	17,916	32,813	26,043	5,278
5,001	10,000	..	..	3,716	27,759	26,158	6,001
10,001	20,000	..	..	2,590	38,062	36,474	9,433
20,001	50,000	..	..	2,031	64,881	63,018	17,564
50,001	100,000	..	..	858	61,787	59,871	17,400
100,001	200,000	..	..	469	67,908	65,857	19,788
200,001	500,000	..	..	264	90,640	80,478	23,819
500,001	and over	..	..	134	213,937	191,176	59,604
Total				27,978	597,787	549,075	158,887
Central Office				2,943	309,545	271,317	82,697
New South Wales				11,096	122,019	118,294	32,570
Victoria				7,510	82,876	80,407	21,377
Queensland				1,936	28,884	27,553	8,143
South Australia				2,525	28,296	27,648	7,193
Western Australia				1,215	18,841	16,664	4,894
Tasmania				622	6,586	6,527	1,897
Northern Territory				28	164	137	31
Australian Capital Territory				103	576	528	85
Total				27,978	597,787	549,075	158,887

(a) Assessed on income for year 1953-54.
Income of private companies £4,001,000.

(b) Excludes additional tax levied on the undistributed

Commonwealth Gift Duty 1953-54.

Grade of Value of Gift as Assessed.				Number of Assessments (a)	Value as Assessed.	Net Duty Assessed.
£	£			No.	£'000.	£'000.
1	1,000	..	..	776	268	9
1,001	2,000	..	..	226	350	12
2,001	3,000	..	..	1,208	3,060	90
3,001	4,000	..	..	697	2,462	75
4,001	5,000	..	..	523	2,403	74
5,001	10,000	..	..	1,190	8,675	272
10,001	20,000	..	..	538	7,400	329
20,001	50,000	..	..	186	5,174	423
50,001	and over	..	..	14	965	156
Total				5,358	30,757	1,440

(a) Number of assessments assessed during 1953-54.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1953-54.

Grade of Dutiable Value.					Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Assessed.
£	£				No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1- 1,000	..	..	..	..	5,584	12,587	2,463	74
1,001- 2,000	..	..	..	..	3,039	10,342	4,428	132
2,001- 3,000	..	..	..	..	1,844	8,366	4,552	135
3,001- 4,000	..	..	..	..	1,408	7,760	4,867	145
4,001- 5,000	..	..	..	..	1,095	7,257	4,899	146
5,001-10,000	..	..	..	..	2,912	27,240	20,598	611
10,001-20,000	..	..	..	..	2,154	36,041	30,765	1,345
20,001-50,000	..	..	..	..	1,321	46,652	38,721	3,148
50,001 and over	..	..	..	..	264	31,660	22,626	4,353
Total	..	..	..	..	19,621	187,905	133,919	10,089

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1953-54.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.

NOTE.—An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable.—Australia.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Sales.(a)										Sales Tax Payable.	
		8½ per cent.	10 per cent.	12½ per cent.	16½ per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	33½ per cent.	50 per cent.	66⅔ per cent.		Total.
1938-39 ..	477,147	196,491	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	196,491	9,363
1951-52 ..	1,945,086	184,246	24,243	327,442	..	85,192	6,079	..	36,276	4,983	4,929	623,390	91,332
1952-53 ..	1,897,669	..	..	403,680	..	121,413	134	..	23,000	6,794	369	555,390	86,085
1953-54 ..	2,154,269	..	..	483,736	176,136	24,265	..	..	3,007	802	..	687,946	96,079
1954-55 ..	2,466,282	..	140,620	421,607	204,713	..	..	..	..	..	..	766,940	101,427
1955-56 ..	2,655,639	..	159,157	405,029	185,102	..	15,431	34,055	..	..	..	798,774	111,469
Quarter—													
1955—													
June ..	651,800	..	37,729	102,143	51,945	..	..	..	..	..	..	191,817	25,198
Sept. ..	667,323	..	40,082	107,728	55,354	..	..	..	..	..	..	203,164	26,700
Dec. ..	690,477	..	48,091	121,857	56,914	..	..	..	..	..	..	226,862	29,527
1956													
Mar. ..	620,987	..	35,997	99,432	44,060	..	1,946	5,450	..	..	..	186,885	25,493
June ..	676,852	..	34,897	76,012	28,774	..	13,485	28,605	..	..	..	181,863	29,749
Month—													
1956—													
April ..	217,844	..	11,576	24,596	8,903	..	4,427	9,352	..	..	..	58,854	9,623
May ..	235,354	..	12,948	27,310	10,412	..	4,941	10,319	..	..	..	65,930	10,775
June ..	223,654	..	10,463	24,106	9,459	..	4,117	8,934	..	..	..	57,079	9,346

(a) The general rate was 4 per cent. to 21st September, 1938 and 5 per cent. to 8th September, 1939. The 10 per cent. rate came into operation on 15th November, 1946, and superseded the general rate of 12½ per cent., which, together with the 25 per cent. rate, operated from 1st May, 1942. On 8th September, 1949, the general rate was reduced to 8½ per cent. From 13th October, 1950, additional rates of 10 per cent. and 33½ per cent. were introduced. On 27th September, 1951, the general rate was increased to 12½ per cent. and rates of 20 per cent., 50 per cent. and 66½ per cent. were introduced. From 7th August, 1952, the rate of 66½ per cent. was reduced to 50 per cent. and the rate of 25 per cent. eliminated. From 9th September, 1953, the rates of 50 per cent., 33½ per cent. and 20 per cent. were eliminated and the rate of 16½ per cent. was introduced. From 19th August, 1954, the rate of 10 per cent. was re-introduced. From 15th March, 1956, 25 per cent. was re-introduced together with a new rate of 30 per cent.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. The following adjustments have been made to the Budget figures for 1955–56 to obviate duplications within the combined accounts and to obtain uniformity with the other States—(i) Treasury transfers to Railway revenue £1,000,000 and (ii) Commonwealth Hospital Benefits £2,325,000 paid to Consolidated Revenue and then distributed to hospitals, have been deducted from the Budget Revenue total of £205,399,000 and from the Expenditure total of £224,651,000. In addition, £12,419,000 has been deducted from expenditure on account of debt charges not recouped to Consolidated Revenue Fund from Business Undertakings and on account of contributions from Consolidated Revenue Fund towards losses on Tramway and Omnibus Services. Although contributions towards accumulated losses of Business Undertakings have been made from Consolidated Revenue Fund in previous years, no adjustment to aggregate expenditure was made until 1952–53. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The following Treasury transfers to Business Undertakings have been excluded from Revenue and Expenditure—New South Wales (as stated above)—Railways £1,000,000; and South Australia Railways £4,050,000.

STATE REVENUES.

(£'000.)

Sources of Revenue and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (a)	W. Aust. (a)	Tas. (a)(b)	Total.
1955–56.							
Taxation(c)	24,051	22,904	9,626	(d)	4,155	3,595	(i)
Railways	75,386	37,300	30,404		13,052	..	
Tramways and Omnibuses	11,067	..	..		951	..	
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	3,043	6,860	..		3,346	5	
Land	5,341	2,322	3,748	(i)	1,249	424	(i)
Interest n.e.i.	1,293	4,138	1,973		1,535	2,917	
Commonwealth Payments(e)	64,236	41,570	25,737	(i)	21,685	9,802	(i)
All other Sources	17,657	8,058	4,181		3,639	1,084	
Total Revenue 1955–56	202,074	123,152	75,669	55,352	49,612	17,827	523,686
Total Revenue per head	£ s. d. 57 6 9	£ s. d. 48 0 4	£ s. d. 55 18 10	£ s. d. 66 6 8	£ s. d. 74 3 1	£ s. d. 55 17 0	£ s. d. 56 10 6
1954–55	193,039	116,789	73,820	48,684	46,070 (b)	14,495	492,897
1953–54	186,642	106,748	69,696	48,376	43,596 (b)	13,285	468,343
1952–53	180,908	96,995	63,171	44,251	38,725 (b)	12,061	436,111
1951–52	167,095	81,661	55,753	37,588	33,955 (b)	10,469	386,621
1938–39	51,098	26,985	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,282

STATE EXPENDITURES.

(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas. (b)	Total.
1955–56.							
Interest and Charges on Public Debt	24,422	19,160	11,053	(i)	8,101	5,017	(i)
Railways	70,621	36,199	32,899		15,756	..	
Tramways and Omnibuses	13,837	..	..		1,173	..	
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2,190	4,242	..		3,983 (f)	1,123	
Education	35,181	23,275	10,194	(i)	7,392	3,628	(i)
Hospitals	17,154	15,446	7,094		4,300	1,713	
Other Charities	3,621	3,972	2,207	(g)	1,057	662	(h)
All Other Expenditure	41,881	24,104	13,945		9,681 (h)	5,569	
Total Expenditure 1955–56	208,907	126,398	77,392	56,782	51,443	17,712	538,634
Total Expenditure per head	£ s. d. 59 5 6	£ s. d. 49 5 7	£ s. d. 57 4 4	£ s. d. 68 0 11	£ s. d. 76 17 10	£ s. d. 55 9 10	£ s. d. 58 2 9
1954–55	195,187	115,453	73,602	50,918	46,554 (b)	14,707	496,421
1953–54	186,514	106,037	69,353	46,566	43,699 (b)	13,270	465,439
1952–53	180,811	97,360	62,980	44,226	39,233 (b)	11,763	436,373
1951–52	166,997	84,067	55,708	37,499	34,547 (b)	10,871	389,689
1938–39	53,558	27,773	19,316	12,701	11,170	3,641	128,159

(a) Revenue includes balance of Special Grant for 1953–54—South Australia—£540,000, Western Australia—£25,000, Tasmania—£184,000.

(b) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of the Transport Commission.

(c) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1955–56, see p. 74.

(d) Gross collections.

(e) Includes Commonwealth tax reimbursements.

(f) Losses of Transport Commission.

(g) Includes reduction of 1953–54 deficit, £25,000.

(h) Includes reduction of 1953–54 adjusted surplus, —£184,000.

(i) Not yet available.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR, 1955-56.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.(f)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total (f)
Works and Services—							
Railways ..	13,466	7,840	4,009	2,435	3,128	155	31,033
Tramways and Omnibuses ..	965			482	Cr. 58	162	1,551
Roads and Bridges ..	150	1,066	Cr. 71	100			
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	1,809	392	32	887	819	764	5,948
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	2,269	7,068	1,753	5,025	2,206	266	18,587
Electricity Supply ..	11,237	1,000		5,987	1,025	7,638	26,887
Public Buildings ..	12,380	13,045	3,350	3,629	2,094	1,940	36,438
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 18	Cr. 9					Cr. 27
Housing ..	Cr. 1,143	105	603	2,299	1,829	2,014	5,707
Other(b) ..	419	413	4,734	110	209	212	6,097
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (c) ..	1,441	2,229	518	133	..	Cr. 111	4,210
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	5,446		1,710	1,244	551		8,951
Other ..	1,329	775	2,377	1,649	209	212	6,551
Other purposes ..		2,419		172	1,302	49	3,942
Total Works, &c. ..	49,750	36,343	19,015	24,152	13,314	13,301	155,875
Per Head ..	£ s. d. 14 2 4	£ s. d. 14 3 5	£ s. d. 14 1 2	£ s. d. 28 18 10	£ s. d. 19 18 0	£ s. d. 41 13 5	£ s. d. 16 16 6
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..				Cr. 47	158	169	280
Other(d) ..	8	32	94	56	Cr. 13	54	231
Grand Total ..	49,758	36,375	19,109	24,161	13,459	13,524	156,386

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1956.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(e)	Q'land.	S. Aust.(f)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total (f)
Works and Services—							
Railways ..	260,861	134,647	106,368	55,083	58,438	14,269	629,666
Tramways and Omnibuses ..	19,276			7,623	1,921	293	29,113
Roads and Bridges ..	21,832	20,413	10,367	4,967	3,183		
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	24,395	3,317	4,140	13,957	14,537	11,858	142,966
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	52,280	93,324	11,141	56,308	29,536	1,925	244,514
Electricity Supply ..	98,273	44,089		37,637	15,507	58,733	254,239
Public Buildings ..	87,320	73,491	26,635	18,474	16,120	13,021	235,061
Unemployment Relief ..	15,959	13,147				330	29,436
Housing ..	8,467	10,065	8,433	34,407	7,555	14,495	83,422
Other(b) ..	14,934	6,279	50,567	2,773	3,365	4,741	82,659
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (c) ..	41,733	92,387	10,343	9,684	13,164	2,608	169,918
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	52,769		10,046	13,893	7,235		83,943
Other ..	18,483	20,057	25,469	15,626	17,179	2,720	90,534
Other purposes ..	189	21,866		5,359	17,466	2,404	47,284
Total Works, &c. ..	726,771	533,082	263,508	275,791	205,206	127,397	2,131,755
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	38,948	15,455	5,826	8,684	12,333	3,647	84,893
Other(d) ..	27,909	10,478	16,092	3,464	6,141	2,022	66,106
Grand Total ..	793,628	559,015	285,426	287,939	223,680	133,066	2,282,754

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds, from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes loans to Local Bodies, &c. (c) Includes Advances to Settlers and Soldier Land Settlement. (d) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c. (e) Aggregate gross loan expenditure. (f) Preliminary subject to revision.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1956.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Aus- tralia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (b)	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (c)
New South Wales ..	505,261	122,112	10,763	698,136	20,427	3,914	414	24,755
Victoria ..	397,578	44,705	3,431	445,714	14,886	1,446	121	16,453
Queensland ..	204,989	43,554	4,256	252,799	7,380	1,445	148	8,973
South Australia ..	216,659	35,316	2,448	254,423	7,989	1,118	92	9,199
Western Australia ..	151,838	35,770	1,125	188,733	5,465	1,149	41	6,655
Tasmania ..	114,918	6,992	313	122,223	4,332	231	12	4,575
Total ..	1,651,243	288,449	22,336	1,962,028	60,479	9,303	828	70,610

(a) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table dollars have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State public debt leaving out of account differences in currency. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Six States.	Common- wealth.	Grand Total. (b)
THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1955.									
Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments ..	13,023	8,389	5,208	3,767	4,359	1,939	36,685	..	..
Taxation ..	6,151	5,279	2,076	1,734	1,046	660	16,946	178,730	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways ..	17,986	8,637	8,397	3,121	3,087	..	41,228	919	..
Other ..	3,685	234	..	652	972	..	5,523	20,089	..
Other ..	4,545	1,846	1,675	1,676	1,288	909	11,939	9,033	..
Total ..	45,370	24,385	17,356	10,950	10,752	3,508	112,321	208,771	282,895
Expenditure—									
Payments to States (c) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45,495	..
Debt Services ..	4,506	3,731	2,463	2,601	2,026	875	16,202	17,319	..
Business Undertakings (d)—									
Railways ..	17,206	9,475	7,552	3,676	3,698 (e)	530	42,137	690	..
Other ..	3,696	148	..	926	884 (f)	40	5,694	19,711	..
Other ..	20,489	14,644	8,019	6,180	5,686	2,426	57,444	161,836	..
Total ..	45,897	27,998	18,034	13,383	12,294	3,871	121,477	245,051	328,331
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—) ..	-527	-3,613	-678	-2,433	-1,542	-363	-9,156	-36,280	-45,436

THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1956.

Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments ..	13,848	9,694	5,752	4,772	5,064	2,375	41,505	..	..
Taxation ..	6,964	5,351	1,887	1,739	850	677	17,468	180,922	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways ..	18,058	8,062	8,903	3,003	3,804	..	41,830	1,040	..
Other ..	4,094	86	..	876	1,054	..	6,110	21,150	..
Other ..	4,674	1,623	1,386	1,759	1,380	1,058	11,880	9,326	..
Total ..	47,638	24,816	17,928	12,149	12,152	4,110	118,793	212,438	288,066
Expenditure—									
Payments to States (c) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51,969	..
Debt Services ..	4,538	3,857	2,654	2,718	2,194	953	16,914	16,813	..
Business Undertakings (d)									
Railways ..	18,258	9,272	8,867	3,710	4,052 (e)	540	44,699	887	..
Other ..	3,906	150	..	1,007	1,042 (f)	70	6,175	22,599	..
Other ..	22,697	16,307	8,678	6,692	6,674	2,714	63,762	170,553	..
Total ..	49,399	29,586	20,199	14,127	13,962	4,277	131,550	262,826	351,211
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—) ..	-1,761	-4,770	-2,271	-1,978	-1,810	-167	-12,757	-50,388	-63,145

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, special financial assistance, interest on States' debts and special grants, also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government. (c) Includes payments to State trust funds. (d) Excludes interest, &c., charges. (e) Loss by Transport Commission. (f) Contribution towards working expenses of Metropolitan Transport Commission.

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(£'000.)

Three months ended September—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total Six States.	Common- wealth. (a)	Grand Total.
1955	9,818	7,582	2,782	4,131	2,564	3,503	30,380	7,095	37,475
1956	10,546	7,543	3,913	5,121	3,509	2,017	32,649	4,453	37,102

(a) Excludes payment to National Debt Sinking Fund on account of the International Bank Dollar Loans, payment to Swiss Loan Trust Account on account of Swiss Loans and payment to Canadian Loan Trust Account on account of Canadian Loan.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1955-56.(a)
(£'000.)

State, &c.	Income Taxes.	Customs and Excise.	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.l.).	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing).	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
New South Wales ..	18	..	2	9,753	8,260	10,880	2,923	3,095	34,931
Victoria ..	25	..	3,250	7,102	4,381	6,778	3,120	5,348	30,004
Queensland ..	13	..	1,387	2,948	2,549	5,339	294	2,194	14,724
South Australia(c) ..	..	..	567	1,846	1,274	3,477	1,162	167	8,493
Western Australia ..	1	..	529	1,107	1,195	1,516	878	443	5,669
Tasmania ..	17	..	234	632	522	929	494	1,246	4,074
Total States(c) ..	74	..	5,969	23,388	18,181	28,919	8,871	12,493	97,895
Commonwealth ..	573,988	255,772	999	10,120	..	..	-1	163,901	1,003,780
Grand Total(c)	574,062	255,772	5,969	33,508	18,181	28,919	8,870	176,394	1,101,675

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

New South Wales ..	0 0 1	..	..	2 15 4	2 6 11	3 1 9	0 16 7	0 17 7	9 18 3
Victoria ..	0 0 2	..	1 5 4	2 15 5	1 14 2	2 12 10	1 4 4	2 1 9	11 14 0
Queensland ..	0 0 2	..	1 0 6	2 3 7	1 17 8	3 18 11	0 4 4	1 12 6	10 17 8
South Australia(c) ..	..	..	0 13 7	2 4 3	1 10 6	4 3 4	1 7 10	0 4 0	10 3 6
Western Australia ..	0 0 1	..	0 15 10	1 13 1	1 15 8	2 5 3	1 6 3	0 13 4	8 9 6
Tasmania ..	0 1 1	..	0 14 8	1 19 7	1 12 8	2 18 3	1 10 11	3 18 1	12 15 3
Total States ..	0 0 2	..	0 12 11	2 10 6	1 19 3	3 2 5	0 19 2	1 6 11	10 11 4
Commonwealth ..	61 12 4	27 9 1	..	1 1 9	..	..	..	17 11 10	107 15 0
Grand Total(c)	61 12 6	27 9 1	0 12 11	3 11 11	1 19 1	3 2 1	0 19 1	18 18 9	118 5 5

(a) Includes taxes paid to special funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 65 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Includes Sales Tax £110,001,000. £11 16s. 2d. per head of population; and Pay-roll Tax, £45,543,000, £4 17s. 9d. per head of population. (c) Preliminary, subject to revision.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.
(£'000.)

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Income Taxes.	Customs and Excise.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
1938-39	11,883	47,633	9,308	5,287	74,111	50,519	124,630
1952-53	554,737	183,824	89,067	67,836	895,464	71,158	966,622
1953-54	528,181	220,217	95,689	56,363	900,450	80,400	980,850
1954-55	532,916	244,403	100,446	59,848	937,613	89,486	1,027,099
1955-56	573,988	255,772	110,001	64,019	1,003,780	97,895	(a) 1,101,675

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

1938-39	1 14 3	6 17 5	1 6 10	0 15 3	10 13 9	7 6 1	17 19 6
1952-53	63 10 3	21 0 11	10 4 0	7 15 4	102 10 6	8 3 9	110 13 5
1953-54	59 6 11	24 14 10	10 15 0	6 6 8	101 3 5	9 1 7	110 4 1
1954-55	58 12 6	26 17 9	11 1 0	6 11 8	103 2 11	9 17 11	112 19 7
1955-56	61 12 4	27 9 1	11 16 2	6 17 5	107 15 0	(a) 10 11 4	(a) 118 5 5

(a) Preliminary, subject to revision.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1955-56.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth Tax Reimbursement ..	54,209	36,044	22,518	12,681	11,252	4,874	141,578
State Tax Collections	34,931	30,004	14,724	(a) 8,493	5,669	4,074	97,895
Total ..	89,140	66,048	37,242	(a) 21,174	16,921	8,948	239,473
Per head of population	£ s. d. 25 5 10	£ s. d. 25 15 0	£ s. d. 27 10 8	£ s. d. (a) 25 7 5	£ s. d. 25 5 10	£ s. d. 28 0 8	£ s. d. 25 17 0

(a) Preliminary, subject to revision.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates excess of refunds.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable or Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
TOTAL DEBT. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth—						
War (1914-18)	Australia £A.	175,194	144,799	138,430	126,545	122,346
	London £Stg.(a)	11,020	7,534	7,534	7,534	7,534
War (1939-45)	Australia £A.	..	1,467,002	1,458,992	1,439,107	1,399,347
	London £Stg.	..	5,775	5,775	5,725	5,725
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	43,303	176,842	209,587	232,797	268,287
	London £Stg.	72,097	50,071	49,478	49,036	48,796
	New York £(b)	15,913	36,192	41,933	50,722	59,199
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	6,126	12,251	12,251
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	..	..	3,082
Total ..	Australia £A.	218,497	1,788,643	1,807,009	1,798,449	1,789,980
	London £Stg.	83,117	63,380	62,787	62,295	62,055
	New York £(b)	15,913	36,192	41,933	50,722	59,199
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	6,126	12,251	12,251
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	..	..	3,082
Total(d) ..	..	317,527	1,888,215	1,917,855	1,923,717	1,926,567
State ..	Australia £A.	485,179	1,230,404	1,379,019	1,515,483	1,651,242
	London £Stg.	384,328	289,493	288,392	288,724	288,449
	New York £(b)	28,265	23,751	21,537	21,520	22,336
Total(d) ..	..	897,772	1,543,648	1,688,948	1,825,727	1,962,027
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	703,676	3,019,047	3,186,028	3,313,932	3,441,222
	London £Stg.	467,445	352,873	351,179	351,019	350,504
	New York £(b)	44,178	59,943	63,470	72,242	81,535
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	6,126	12,251	12,251
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	..	..	3,082
Total(d) ..	..	1,215,299	3,431,863	3,606,803	3,749,444	3,888,594

DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.
(£ s. d.)

Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	100 19 10	342 9 6	354 10 8	360 3 8	365 0 4
	London £Stg.	67 1 8	40 0 7	39 1 7	38 3 0	37 3 7
	New York £(b)	6 6 10	6 16 0	7 1 3	7 17 0	8 13 0
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	0 13 8	1 6 8	1 6 0
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	..	..	0 6 7
Total(d) ..	..	174 8 4	389 6 1	401 7 2	407 10 4	412 9 6

ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.
(£'000.)

Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..	Australia £A.	25,585	86,576	94,924	104,840	111,840
	London £Stg.(a)	18,366	11,355	11,353	11,863	11,387
	New York £(b)	2,219	2,453	2,599	2,937	3,420
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	245	475	475
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	..	..	116
Total(e) ..	..	46,170	100,384	109,121	119,615	127,238

AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST PAYABLE PER CENT.
(£ s. d.)

Commonwealth and State ..	Australia ..	3 12 9	2 17 4	2 19 7	3 3 3	3 5 0
	London(a) ..	3 18 7	3 4 4	3 4 8	3 4 9	3 5 0
	New York ..	5 0 6	4 1 10	4 1 11	4 1 4	4 3 11
	Switzerland ..	..	..	4 0 0	3 17 6	3 17 6
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	..	..	3 15 0
Total ..	..	3 16 0	2 18 6	3 0 6	3 3 10	3 5 5

(a) Excludes debt (£79,724,000) and interest payable (£3,920,000) due to United Kingdom Government under the Funding Arrangements Act 1921. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest were suspended in 1931 by arrangement with the United Kingdom Government. (b) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (c) Payable in Swiss francs converted on the basis of 9.79512 fr. to £1. (d) The total "face" or "book" values of the public debt of the Commonwealth and States, without adjustment on account of differences in currency (see note (b)). (e) Nominal amount, taking no account of exchange.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)
(£'000.)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	At 30th September 1956.
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A. ..	153,280	225,000	190,000	160,000	210,000
	London £Stg. ..	970	720	470	220	..
State ..	Australia £A. ..	22,868	22,868	22,868	26,068	3,000
	London £Stg. ..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	Australia £A. ..	153,280	225,000	190,000	160,000	213,000
	London £Stg. ..	23,838	23,588	23,338	26,288	..

(a) Included above; excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

Section VIII.—Social Statistics.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.

(£'000.)

Social and Health Services.	1938-39.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	Three Months. ended September.	
					1955.	1956.
Social Benefits—						
Age and Invalid Pensions	15,992	81,293	88,006	101,625	24,055	28,672
Child Endowment .. .. .	..	50,761	52,530	60,381	19,439	15,260
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service .. ..	..	429	451	505	121	129
Funeral Benefits .. .. .	..	288	304	319	94	99
Maternity Allowances	436	3,226	3,362	3,410	861	851
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits .. ..	..	4,543	2,640	2,563	608	865
Widows' Pensions .. .. .	..	6,626	6,862	7,723	1,812	2,073
National Health Services—						
Hospital Benefits .. .. .	..	8,330	9,321	9,553	2,215	2,487
Medical Benefits .. .. .	..	1,434	4,210	5,413	1,320	1,526
Medical Benefits for Pensioners .. .. .	..	2,115	2,516	2,874	786	772
Nutrition of Children .. .. .	..	1,999	2,237	2,405	268	315
Pharmaceutical Benefits .. .. .	..	8,219	9,445	10,380	2,446	2,031
Pharmaceutical Benefits for Pensioners .. ..	..	1,011	1,295	1,508	378	397
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	216	258	510	56	50
Mental Institution Benefits .. .. .	..	495	225	..	..	..
Tuberculosis Campaign (a) .. .. .	..	5,580	5,657	5,697	463	405
Total	16,428	176,565	189,319	214,866	54,922	55,932

(a) Includes allowances and reimbursements to States for maintenance of hospitals.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS.

State and Year.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.		Pensions Paid during Year ended 30th June.(a)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Total Age and Invalid. (b)	Age.	Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per Head of Popn.
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£'000.	£ s. d.
1956.									
New South Wales ..	180,543	40,519	221,062	508	114	7 14	8 7 17 11	42,406	12 0 8
Victoria ..	112,649	18,113	130,762	432	70	7 12	8 7 14 8	24,836	9 13 8
Queensland ..	66,199	12,165	78,364	483	89	7 12	11 7 16 10	15,178	11 4 5
South Australia ..	41,783	4,860	46,643	492	57	7 13	0 7 17 8	8,859	10 12 4
Western Australia ..	30,244	4,425	34,669	446	65	7 13	1 7 16 8	6,681	9 19 9
Tasmania ..	14,074	2,596	16,670	440	81	7 13	2 7 17 6	3,450	10 16 2
Northern Territory ..	138	28	166	75	15	7 14	3 7 19 6	33	1 17 7
Australian Capital Territory ..	577	69	646	167	20	7 12	3 7 17 10	110	3 5 2
Abroad ..	(c)	(c)	(c)	..	..	..	..	72	..
Australia ..	446,207	82,775	528,982	473	89	7 13	7 7 16 10	101,625	10 18 2
1955 ..	425,556	78,498	504,054	463	85	6 14	7 6 17 7	88,006	9 13 8
1954 ..	397,784	73,732	471,516	443	82	6 14	2 6 16 10	81,293	9 2 8
1953 ..	374,791	70,232	445,023	425	80	6 8	4 6 10 11	72,424	8 5 10
1952 ..	352,049	67,963	420,012	408	79	5 14	2 5 16 4	59,788	7 0 2
1939 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128	(d)	(d)	15,992	2 6 2

(a) Includes amounts paid to benevolent homes for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these homes and from year 1943-44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners.
 (b) Excludes the following numbers of age and invalid pensioners in benevolent homes: 1951-52, 5,625; 1952-53, 6,309; 1953-54, 6,463; 1954-55, 6,132; 1955-56, 6,244. (c) Included in figures for state in which pensioner is permanently domiciled. (d) Combined rate 38s. 5d.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay age pensions on 1st July, 1909, and invalid pensions on 15th December, 1910. Age pensions are payable to women of 60 years and over, and to men of 65 years and over, who are natural-born or naturalized British subjects with residence for at least 20 years in Australia or an Australian territory. Invalid pensions are payable after five years' residence in Australia to natural-born or naturalized persons of sixteen years or over who are permanently incapacitated for work or are permanently blind and have become so in Australia. Fortnightly rate £8 from 27th October, 1955. Age and invalid pensions (except those paid to blind persons) are subject to income and property qualifications.

COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT.

State and Year.	Endowed Families at 30th June.		Number per 10,000 of Population.		Amount paid during Year ended 30th June.	
	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Claims.	Endowed Children. (a)	Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	No.	No.			£'000.	£ s. d.
1956.						
New South Wales ..	506,512	1,049,901	1,425	2,955	21,971	6 4 8
Victoria ..	361,848	760,667	1,389	2,920	16,165	6 6 1
Queensland ..	194,028	437,588	1,416	3,192	9,383	6 18 9
South Australia ..	122,425	261,074	1,443	3,077	5,498	6 11 9
Western Australia ..	100,047	220,792	1,477	3,259	4,684	7 0 0
Tasmania ..	47,552	108,285	1,488	3,388	2,285	7 3 2
Northern Territory	2,419	5,311	1,322	2,903	150	8 11 8
Australian Capital Territory ..	4,847	10,643	1,406	3,087	239	7 2 1
Abroad ..	129	263	..	..	6	..
Australia ..	1,339,807	2,854,524	1,422	3,028	60,381	6 9 8
1955 ..	1,304,227	2,764,167	1,418	3,004	52,530	5 15 7
1954 ..	1,280,439	2,689,577	1,425	2,993	50,761	5 14 1
1953 ..	1,246,986	2,599,026	1,415	2,948	53,244	6 1 11
1952 ..	1,205,421	2,493,246	1,396	2,887	46,625	5 9 4

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions at 30th June, 1956, 21,140 in 392 institutions; 1955, 24,394 in 392 institutions; 1954, 27,397 in 387 institutions; 1953, 24,951 in 376 institutions; 1952, 24,025 in 379 institutions.

NOTE.—From 1st July, 1941, the scheme provided for payment of 5s. per week (increased to 7s. 6d. per week from 26th June, 1945, and to 10s. per week from 9th November, 1948) for each child in excess of one under sixteen years of age maintained in a family, and for each child under sixteen years of age in an approved institution.

From 30th June, 1950, the rate of endowment payable has been (i) where the endowee has the custody of one child only—5s. per week; (ii) where the endowee has the custody of two or more children—in respect of the elder or eldest child 5s. per week and in respect of each other child 10s. per week; and (iii) for each child in an approved institution 10s. per week.

COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS.(a)

State and Year.	Pensions Current at 30th June.(a)		Class A Pensioners.	Average Fort- nightly Rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during Year ended 30th June.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Popula- tion.			Amount.	Per Head of Popula- tion.
				£ s. d.	£'000.	s. d.
1956.						
New South Wales ..	17,357	49	8,260	7 9 4	3,160	17 11
Victoria ..	10,246	39	4,302	7 6 0	1,799	14 0
Queensland ..	7,293	53	3,493	7 7 9	1,328	19 8
South Australia ..	3,505	41	1,548	7 5 9	609	14 7
Western Australia..	3,015	45	1,143	7 2 8	531	15 10
Tasmania ..	1,419	44	718	7 9 4	268	16 10
Northern Territory	25	14	10	6 16 11	3	3 8
Australian Capital Territory ..	70	20	37	(b)	12	7 2
Abroad ..	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	13	(c)
Australia ..	42,930	46	19,511	7 7 6	7,723	16 7
1955 ..	41,547	45	18,683	6 8 2	6,862	15 1
1954 ..	40,726	45	18,100	6 6 8	6,626	14 11
1953 ..	41,028	47	17,980	6 0 0	6,334	14 6
1952 ..	40,758	47	17,424	5 8 2	5,615	13 2

(a) Excludes seventeen (1955–56), fourteen (1954–55), sixteen (1953–54), sixteen (1952–53) and eleven (1951–52), pensions in respect of pensioners in benevolent homes. (b) Included in New South Wales.

(c) Included in figures for State in which pensioner is permanently domiciled.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 30th June, 1942. Provision is made for payment of pensions subject to income and property qualifications, to the following classes of women:—"A" Class—a widow who has one or more children under 16 years of age—£4 5s. per week; "B" Class—a widow not less than 50 years of age and without children under 16 years of age £3 7s. 6d. per week; "C" Class—a widow without children and in necessitous circumstances—£3 7s. 6d. per week for 26 weeks after husband's death, or until the birth of her child if she is pregnant; and "D" Class—a woman whose husband has been in prison for over six months, and who is maintaining children under 16 years or who is not less than 50 years of age—£3 7s. 6d. per week. Rates are as from 18th October, 1955.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Year.	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Overseas.	Australia.
NUMBER OF CLAIMS PAID.										
1938-39..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,204	5,213	3,940	..	..	..	80,916
1951-52..	72,688	52,144	30,737	17,380	15,074	7,626	..	..	73	195,722
1952-53..	74,011	55,297	31,058	19,068	15,535	7,983	..	..	90	203,042
1953-54..	72,380	54,219	30,889	18,749	15,803	7,726	..	..	48	199,814
1954-55..	76,614	55,720	31,782	18,506	16,261	7,940	481	787	88	208,179
1955-56..	75,591	58,385	32,764	19,036	17,180	8,328	510	961	110	212,865
AMOUNT PAID. (£.)										
1938-39..	167,710	110,219	70,723	37,860	28,338	21,764	..	..	..	436,614
1951-52..	1,182,358	835,643	489,751	283,702	241,426	122,618	..	..	1,494	3,156,992
1952-53..	1,195,046	872,085	496,982	305,264	248,925	128,125	..	..	1,878	3,248,305
1953-54..	1,173,058	874,376	496,802	301,146	253,442	125,400	..	..	1,695	3,225,919
1954-55..	1,250,268	892,301	512,445	297,284	261,129	127,502	7,435	12,551	1,392	3,362,307
1955-56..	1,207,471	935,155	525,779	304,392	276,123	136,512	8,129	15,125	1,722	3,410,408

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954.

(b) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

NOTE.—The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912. From 1st July, 1947, the allowances payable have been as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years, £15; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years, £16; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years, £17 10s. Where more than one child is born at a birth the allowance is increased by £5 in respect of each additional child born at that birth. From 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS PAID.(a)

(For particulars of weekly average number of persons on benefit see page 96.)

(£.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.									
1950-51 ..	25,924	7,731	22,485	350	5,360	1,194	..	..	62,444
1951-52 ..	55,135	11,215	114,226	1,025	4,374	1,036	..	..	187,011
1952-53 ..	2,686,297	923,732	662,099	132,042	123,732	41,845	..	..	4,569,747
1953-54 ..	1,247,216	507,676	581,865	50,213	75,904	42,589	..	..	2,505,493
1954-55 ..	253,974	99,305	270,416	12,386	26,709	15,952	112	584	679,438
1955-56 ..	215,672	69,664	237,871	10,961	76,888	9,963	73	728	671,820
Quarter ended—									
September, 1955	38,750	13,391	28,475	2,124	11,134	2,935	11	90	96,910
December, ..	24,653	12,425	16,832	1,609	10,887	2,376	11	30	69,323
March, 1956	58,200	15,100	126,187	2,593	19,248	2,414	10	221	223,973
June, ..	93,709	28,748	116,377	4,635	35,618	1,739	41	747	281,614
September, ..	123,803	104,620	29,717	22,922	94,872	4,416	18	624	380,992
SICKNESS BENEFIT.									
1950-51 ..	296,418	197,719	96,540	70,770	53,911	30,358	..	..	745,716
1951-52 ..	262,244	181,117	123,075	70,482	43,691	24,278	..	..	709,887
1952-53 ..	546,432	370,354	208,889	133,783	84,682	49,154	..	..	1,393,294
1953-54 ..	697,949	405,414	257,633	153,042	106,836	54,719	..	..	1,675,593
1954-55 ..	673,235	387,452	254,932	137,117	98,868	51,716	1,559	2,913	1,607,842
1955-56 ..	641,550	350,172	243,952	134,243	93,854	50,901	1,487	2,914	1,519,073
Quarter ended—									
September, 1955	189,015	95,796	48,749	36,373	23,757	14,110	414	830	409,044
December, ..	146,671	88,329	62,394	29,459	22,146	12,963	379	658	362,999
March, 1956	145,767	77,899	49,263	31,236	24,227	12,550	303	1,764	383,009
June, ..	158,137	88,148	43,546	37,175	23,724	11,278	391	1,622	364,021
September, ..	170,099	88,369	55,886	35,765	25,626	13,003	442	768	389,958

(a) In addition £229,053 (Australian total) was paid in Special Benefits during 1950-51; £110,759 during 1951-52; £292,431 during 1952-53; £362,398 during 1953-54; £352,587 during 1954-55; and £372,220 during 1955-56; these amounts include payments to migrants. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954. (c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954. (d) Includes £27,950 increase in advances to regional offices.

NOTE.—The Social Services Act 1947-1956 provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or sickness. The rate of benefit per week is £2 10s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, plus £2 for dependent spouse and 5s. for the first dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefit is £1 10s. if under 18 years and £2 if 18 and under 21 years. In certain cases £2 per week may be paid in respect of claimant's housekeeper. Rates operated from 22nd September, 1952. For unemployment benefit, allowable income means income of claimant and spouse; for sickness benefit, allowable income means income of claimant only, but excludes amounts of up to £2 per week from a friendly society. The permissible weekly income varies from 5s. for persons 16 years of age to £1 for adults and married persons. There is a waiting period of 7 days during which no payment is made.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS.

(i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment and Year.	Number of War Pensions Current at 30th June.				Average Fortnightly Rate of Pensions.			Expenditure during Year ended 30th June.
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependents of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependents of Deceased Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependents of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.	
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£'000.
1956.								
New South Wales (a)	68,403	116,313	16,995	201,711	4 17 6	1 15 1	2 16 3	14,501
Victoria ..	57,452	97,402	13,974	168,828	5 1 6	1 16 1	2 18 4	12,718
Queensland ..	25,812	48,633	5,229	79,674	5 7 9	1 10 11	2 15 10	5,763
South Australia (b)	19,639	39,633	4,022	63,294	5 8 8	1 9 8	2 11 4	4,136
Western Australia	17,986	32,630	3,811	54,427	4 8 6	1 10 0	2 9 4	3,451
Tasmania ..	8,219	16,614	1,650	26,483	5 17 6	1 12 2	2 18 8	2,018
United Kingdom ..	1,393	1,672	1,168	4,233	5 11 0	3 16 2	4 7 9	505
Elsewhere ..	386	419	159	964	4 16 8	2 18 6	3 13 10	74
Total ..	199,290	353,316	47,008	599,614	5 0 3	1 13 11	2 16 0	43,166
1955 ..	196,255	340,361	46,921	583,537	4 13 2	1 12 8	2 13 0	(c)44,516
1954 ..	192,203	324,514	46,949	563,666	4 6 9	1 11 5	2 10 4	36,797
1953 ..	188,395	308,757	46,822	543,974	4 1 1	1 11 1	2 8 5	34,356
1952 ..	184,848	292,952	47,015	524,815	3 13 4	1 8 9	2 4 6	31,845
1939 ..	77,151	144,571	27,571	249,293	1 19 10	0 16 6	1 3 8	7,819

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. Service Pensions.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Includes

(ii) Service Pensions.

State of Payment and Year.	Number of Service Pensions Current at 30th June.					Total.	Average Fort- nightly Rate of Pensions.	Expendi- ture during Year ended 30th June.
	Age.	Permanently Unemployable.		Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuber- culosis.				
		Members of Forces.	Members of Forces.	Depend- ants.	Members of Forces.				Depend- ants.
							£ s. d.	£'000.
1956.								
New South Wales(a)	4,644	2,005	3,188	528	773	12,138	5 5 4	1,473
Victoria ..	2,416	2,574	2,483	289	426	8,188	5 0 11	959
Queensland ..	2,009	1,630	1,680	207	314	5,840	5 4 8	679
South Australia(b)	970	975	1,030	91	175	3,241	5 2 10	401
Western Australia	1,522	986	918	101	121	2,648	5 13 5	482
Tasmania ..	320	563	702	50	85	1,720	4 6 5	146
Australia ..	11,881	9,733	10,001	1,266	1,894	34,775	5 3 10	4,140
1955 ..	10,566	5,555	5,286	379	530	22,316	5 7 9	(c)
1954 ..	9,648	5,294	5,092	321	451	20,806	5 4 2	2,695
1953 ..	8,703	4,971	4,780	291	432	19,177	4 16 6	2,225
1952 ..	7,587	4,561	4,270	269	389	17,076	4 6 9	1,778
1939 ..	3,397	3,393	4,667	619	1,032	13,108	1 5 10	407

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. with War Pensions.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Included

GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.
(Number.)

State or Territory and Year.	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	
			Average Weekly Enrolment.	Average Daily Attendance.

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

1954.

New South Wales(a)	..	2,557	15,521	467,441	415,860
Victoria ..	..	2,003	10,924	299,670	272,548
Queensland ..	..	1,555	6,407	(b) 184,210	161,835
South Australia ..	..	679	4,373	115,579	107,875
Western Australia ..	..	483	3,051	88,748	82,677
Tasmania ..	..	321	2,048	51,825	47,169
Northern Territory(c)	..	9	68	1,676	1,520
Australia ..	..	7,607	42,392	1,209,149	1,089,484
1953 ..	..	7,595	40,237	1,149,915	1,037,621
1952 ..	..	7,620	38,407	1,088,087	974,934
1951 ..	..	7,648	36,740	1,012,874	899,514
1950 ..	..	7,790	36,085	958,112	844,123
1939 ..	..	9,940	31,199	859,663	744,095

NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.(d)

1954.

New South Wales(a)	..	768	6,216	151,882	137,473
Victoria ..	..	494	3,584	118,102	(e) 107,000
Queensland ..	..	284	2,052	54,792	49,788
South Australia ..	..	157	1,137	24,949	22,782
Western Australia ..	..	252	1,001	28,021	26,299
Tasmania ..	..	57	425	10,116	9,005
Northern Territory(c)	..	2	13	450	389
Australia ..	..	2,014	14,428	388,312	352,736
1953 ..	..	1,958	13,898	366,086	337,156
1952 ..	..	1,926	13,714	347,831	315,796
1951 ..	..	1,890	13,251	326,258	293,429
1950 ..	..	1,870	12,909	309,673	275,562
1939 ..	..	1,863	11,496	250,860	219,171

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Enrolments at 1st August, 1954.

(c) Year ended 30th June, 1955.

(d) Includes all schools not wholly under Government control.

(e) Estimated.

UNIVERSITIES.

University or College and Year.	Teaching Staff.		Students Enrolled.	Degrees Conferred.	Total Income.	Total Expenditure.
	Full-time.	Part-time.				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£	£
1955.						
Sydney	458	397	7,328	1,210	2,669,597	2,304,573
Melbourne	394	187	7,080	1,055	2,744,777	2,387,449
Queensland (Brisbane) ..	252	205	4,527	395	1,081,626	1,085,749
Adelaide	192	151	4,165	320	1,102,924	1,026,933
Western Australia (Perth)	116	59	1,942	233	1,006,584	715,211
Tasmania (Hobart) ..	78	13	783	71	321,198	325,170
N.S.W. University of Technology (Sydney) ..	326	405	4,092	125	2,132,623	2,106,654
New England (Armidale N.S.W.)	70	20	575	20	432,390	415,413
Canberra University College	32	22	300	(b)	114,174	104,814
Australia	1,918	1,459	30,792	3,429	11,605,893	10,471,966
1954	1,840	1,473	29,374	3,499	9,433,337	8,258,072
1953	1,750	1,341	28,792	3,926	7,195,832	7,067,716
1952	1,680	1,318	29,641	4,304	7,101,330	6,865,346
1951	1,549	1,533	31,671	4,498	5,720,060	5,352,421
1939	609	675	14,236	1,802	989,791	974,394

(a) Since 1952 the finances relate to income and expenditure (including capital items). Prior to 1952 the figures were as presented by each university on a receipts (or income) and payments (or expenditure) basis (excluding capital items) and are not suitable for the construction of a profit and loss statement or revenue account, or for ascertaining the surplus or deficit for the year. In several cases Government subsidies relating to expenditure made in earlier years have been included in revenue.

(b) Included with Melbourne.

NOTE.—In addition, the Australian National University, Canberra, A.C.T. (a Post-Graduate Research University), had in 1955 a full-time teaching staff of 102, with 59 Post-graduate scholars. In 1955 the income was £1,779,623 and the expenditure was £1,770,508.

POLICE AND PRISONS.

(Number.)

State or Territory and Year.	Police.	Prisons.	Prisoners at end of Period.
1954.			
New South Wales	4,610	(a) 16	(a) 2,238
Victoria	3,021	11	1,186
Queensland(a)	2,355	7	580
South Australia	(a) 1,086	16	377
Western Australia(a) ..	964	19	386
Tasmania(a)	471	2	163
Northern Territory(a) ..	62	2	50
Australian Capital Territory ..	60	..	..
Australia	12,629	73	4,980
1953	12,705	72	4,906
1952	12,675	70	4,930
1951	12,318	69	4,444
1950	11,677	71	4,089
1939	9,566	74	3,336

(a) Year ended 30th June, 1955.

PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Hos- pitals.	Beds. (a)	Staff.		In- patients Treated. (b)	Revenue. (c) £'000.	Expendi- ture. (c) £'000.
			Medi- cal.	Nurs- ing.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.
1954-55.							
New South Wales	262	19,764	3,980	10,450	406,901	20,079	20,314
Victoria(d) ..	117	11,810	1,893	7,108	259,834	21,139	21,044
Queensland ..	140	10,657	754	4,469	192,511	10,909	10,673
South Australia ..	63	3,586	527	1,960	64,310	4,409	4,424
Western Australia	96	4,258	352	2,257	78,134	4,724	4,644
Tasmania ..	26	2,289	188	1,118	33,550	1,965	2,374
Nor. Territory ..	4	365	13	99	6,365	429	429
Aust. Cap. Terr.	1	250	31	105	4,566	289	289
Australia ..	709	52,979	7,738	27,566	1,046,171	63,943	66,192
1953-54	699	50,812	7,487	26,116	961,288	54,814	53,884
1952-53	694	50,076	7,246	25,940	939,856	51,141	50,541
1951-52	675	47,328	6,889	24,556	896,020	41,217	43,328
1950-51	664	46,417	6,424	23,055	867,721	32,406	32,582
1938-39	563	35,711	4,059	13,582	552,051	6,342	6,351

(a) Includes particulars, where available, of a considerable number of beds and cots for certain classes of cases in outdoor or verandah sleeping places. (b) Newborn are excluded. Out-patient cases treated at public hospitals during 1954-55 were as follows:—New South Wales, 1,090,879; Victoria 598,647; Queensland, 561,088; South Australia, 110,879; Western Australia, 117,000 (estimated); Tasmania, 109,279; Northern Territory, 57,473; and Australian Capital Territory, 5,383; Australia, 2,650,628.

(c) Excludes Loan Receipts and Expenditure for New South Wales. (d) Fifteen months ended 30th June, 1955.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

State and Year.	Hos- pitals.	Beds.	Staff.		Patients at end of Year.	Revenue. (a) £'000.	Expendi- ture. £'000.
			Medi- cal.	Nurs- ing.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.
1954-55.							
New South Wales..	13	12,589	(b) 36	2,006	13,422	404	4,224
Victoria(c) ..	10	7,219	63	1,810	7,795	(d) 71	(d) 5,014
Queensland(e) ..	5	4,753	13	950	4,704	17	1,758
South Australia ..	2	2,615	13	412	2,613	94	998
Western Australia(c)	4	1,670	6	301	1,798	(d) 49	(d) 704
Tasmania ..	1	810	4	177	760	19	491
Australia ..	35	29,656	135	5,656	31,092	654	13,189
1953-54	34	29,089	140	5,415	30,862	888	11,681
1952-53	33	28,546	149	5,132	30,190	866	10,714
1951-52	33	27,573	167	4,985	29,563	861	8,749
1950-51	33	27,512	138	4,826	28,932	812	6,450
1938-39	35	25,654	92	4,922	26,509	263	1,904

(a) Excluding grants from State governments. (b) In addition there were 59 visiting paid specialists. (c) Year 1954. (d) Year 1954-55. (e) Includes the Epileptic Home.

Section IX.—Transport and Communication.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of shipping for the years 1945-46 to 1954-55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46, pages 44-54.

OVERSEA SHIPPING—ENTRANCES AND CLEARANCES, AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Entrances.				Clearances.			
	With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.		With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.	
	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.
1938-39 ..	1,372	5,964	1,876	6,711	1,490	5,990	1,938	6,835
1951-52 ..	1,880	8,580	2,038	8,973	1,423	6,118	2,098	9,252
1952-53 ..	1,546	7,312	1,988	8,704	1,582	6,522	2,053	8,867
1953-54 ..	1,647	7,736	2,054	8,882	1,507	6,179	2,074	8,854
1954-55 ..	1,943	9,162	2,245	9,939	1,491	6,157	2,260	10,064
1955-56 ..	2,057	10,111	2,428	11,244	1,697	6,886	2,457	11,096
Three months ended—								
September, 1955	496	2,318	576	2,521	381	1,527	571	2,537
September, 1956	504	2,400	643	2,844	490	1,889	644	2,806

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped.
(’000.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement on the basis of 1 ton measurement = 40 cubic feet. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory, and Year.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1955.								
New South Wales ..	1,412	98	684	354	1,040	89	290	116
Victoria ..	725	114	1,101	366	313	119	256	147
Queensland ..	155	91	231	57	217	40	382	41
South Australia ..	588	41	182	109	1,063	49	327	37
Western Australia ..	95	68	620	35	433	27	135	36
Tasmania ..	165	75	60	1	142	102	22	2
Northern Territory ..	10	..	19	1	1	..	..	..
Australia ..	3,150	487	2,897	928	3,209	426	1,412	379
THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1956.								
New South Wales ..	1,246	58	844	358	1,016	61	373	102
Victoria ..	688	64	1,008	311	226	82	291	124
Queensland ..	178	53	156	57	164	26	469	31
South Australia ..	606	39	200	84	1,121	23	425	22
Western Australia ..	83	45	697	29	357	22	602	21
Tasmania ..	167	52	74	7	133	78	27	4
Northern Territory ..	5	..	7	..	1	..	..	..
Australia ..	2,973	311	2,986	846	3,018	292	2,187	304
Total 1955-56 ..	11,184	1,589	12,431	3,421	11,632	1,332	6,667	1,546
„ 1954-55 ..	10,136	1,621	10,992	3,403	10,213	1,472	6,083	1,420
„ 1953-54 ..	9,059	1,790	8,520	2,812	9,105	1,539	5,765	1,355
„ 1952-53 ..	8,995	1,492	7,733	1,929	8,447	1,275	6,045	1,452
„ 1951-52 ..	7,972	1,638	9,727	4,682	7,697	1,325	4,487	1,231
„ 1950-51 ..	6,980	1,612	9,084	3,989	6,723	1,326	5,405	1,295
„ 1938-39 ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1956.

(These rates are expressed in sterling.)

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator)—						
United Kingdom	..	..	..	..	..	8s. 11½d. per box (56 lb.).
Continent	..	..	..	..	..	9s. 5d. " " "
Cheese (Refrigerator)	..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell)	..	..	..	..	..	266s. per ton measurement.
Meats—						
Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—						
Beef	..	..	..	..	..	2½d. per lb.
Lamb	..	..	..	..	..	3½d. " " "
Mutton	..	..	..	..	..	2½d. " " "
Rabbits and Hares	..	..	..	..	..	208s. " " " ton measurement.
Preserved in tins	..	..	..	..	..	179s. " " "
Sausage Casings—(dried)—cases or casks	..	..	..	..	..	179s. " " "
Milk and Cream (condensed)	..	..	..	..	..	179s. " " "

FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

Sugar (Refined)	..	..	..	..	..	286s. " " " per ton weight.
Jams	..	..	..	..	..	141s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Jellies	..	..	..	..	..	179s. " " "
Dried Fruits	..	..	..	..	..	141s. 6d. " " "
Fruits, Fresh (Refrigerator)—						
Apples	..	..	..	..	..	11s. " " " per bushel case.
Citrus	..	..	..	..	..	11s. " " "
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—						
Wheat—						
Charter	..	..	..	..	..	172s. 6d. per ton weight.
Parcels	..	..	..	..	..	172s. 6d. " " "
Barley	..	..	..	..	..	187s. 6d. " " "
Oats	..	..	..	..	..	210s. " " "
Maize	..	..	..	..	..	192s. 6d. " " "
Grain and Pulse, prepared—						
Flour, Wheaten	..	..	..	..	..	187s. 6d. " " "
Bran	207s. 6d. " " "
Pollard	200s. " " "
Rice (clean, husked)	192s. 6d. " " "

WINE	179s. per ton measurement.
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ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—						
Calf	..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb. (dry in bales)
Sheep	..	..	..	..	..	2½d. " "
Rabbit	..	..	..	..	..	4½d. " "
Other	..	..	..	..	..	4½d. " "
Pearl-shell	..	..	..	..	..	179s. per ton measurement.
Wool—						
Greasy	..	..	..	..	..	2.97d. per lb. less 7%.
Scoured and Washed	..	..	..	..	..	3.74d. " " "
Tops	..	..	..	..	..	3.56d. per lb. (net).

VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder	..	..	..	..	..	179s. per ton weight.
Bark, Tanning	..	..	..	..	..	179s. " " "
Copra	..	..	..	..	..	292s. " " "
Raw Cotton (in bales)	..	..	..	..	..	2½d. per lb.

APPAREL, TEXTILES AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—

Apparel and Attire (Effects)	..	..	..	..	..	280s. per ton measurement.
Binder Twine	..	..	..	..	..	315s. per ton weight.

OILS, FATS AND WAXES—

Oil—						
Coconut	..	..	..	..	..	202s. per ton measurement.
Eucalyptus	..	..	..	..	..	179s. " " "
Fusel	..	..	..	..	..	286s. " " "
Whale	..	..	..	..	..	209s. 6d. " " "
Other	179s. " " "
Tallow, Unrefined	202s. " " "

PAINTS AND VARNISHES	179s. per ton measurement.
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**Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and
Continent at 30th September, 1956—continued.**

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—

Ore in Casks, Bags or Drums	..	..	..	..	118s. 6d. per ton weight
Zinc—					
Ingots	..	..	..	..	125s. " " "
Dust (in cases)	..	..	..	..	422s. " " "
Sheet (in cases)	..	..	..	..	185s. " " "
Copper (ingots)	..	..	..	..	173s. 6d. " " "
Lead	..	..	..	..	135s. " " "
Steel—					
Billets (up to 30 feet)	..	..	..	..	110s. " " "
Tyres	..	..	..	..	159s. " " "
Tin Clippings hydraulically pressed	..	..	..	..	90s. " " "

RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—

Rubber	..	..	..	..	162s. per ton measurement.
Leather	..	..	..	..	393s. per ton weight.

WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—

Timber—					
Logs up to 40-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	74s. 5d. per 100 super. feet.
" over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	79s. 11d. " " "
" over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	85s. 10d. " " "
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	43s. 10d. " " "

EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA AND GLASS 179s. per ton measurement.

STATIONERY 179s. " " "

DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS—

Fertilizers	179s. " " weight
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MISCELLANEOUS—

Soap	179s. " " measurement.
Casein	283s. 6d. " " weight

SPECIE 15s. per cent.

**INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES.
GENERAL CARGO, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1956.**

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

(These rates are expressed in Australian currency unless otherwise footnoted.)

To—	From—				
	Brisbane.	Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Sydney.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Brisbane	..	135 6	..	162 6	..
Sydney	134 0	..
Melbourne	..	134 0	..	..	..
Adelaide	..	165 0	..	118 6	..
Fremantle	..	181 6(a)	174 0	164 0	..
Hobart	..	158 6(b)	132 6	119 0	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	..	172 0(b)	132 6	105 0	..
Darwin	..	247 0	263 6	273 6	..
Auckland(c)	..	152 0	145 0	233 1(d)	145 0
Wellington(c)	..	152 0(d)	145 0(d)	..	145 0(d)
Lyttleton(c)	..	152 0	145 0	233 1(d)	145 0
Dunedin(c)	..	152 0	145 0	233 1(d)	145 0
New Hebrides—Vila	260 0	..	285 0
Norfolk Island	240 0	..	265 0
Papua—					
Port Moresby	..	210 0	210 0	..	210 0
Samarai	..	210 0	210 0	..	210 0
Territory of New Guinea—					
Lae and Madang	..	240 0	240 0	..	240 0
Rabaul	..	220 0	220 0	..	220 0

(a) Plus 18s. per ton if trans-shipped. (b) Trans-shipped at Sydney. (c) Rates expressed in sterling. (d) Plus Wellington Harbour Improvement Charges.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Government Railways for the years 1945-46 to 1954-55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46, pages 7-23.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

System.	1938-39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.
ROUTE-MILEAGE OPEN AT END OF YEAR.						
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,113	6,113	6,101	6,102	6,103
Victoria ..	4,759	4,694	4,660	4,482	4,451	4,445
Queensland(a) ..	6,567	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,553	6,456
South Australia ..	2,557	2,553	2,553	2,564	2,564	2,564
Western Australia ..	4,378	4,113	4,108	4,111	4,111	4,119
Tasmania ..	658	605	605	605	605	585
Australia ..	27,234	26,839	26,800	26,624	26,587	26,473

REVENUE TRAIN-MILES.
(‘000.)

Commonwealth ..	902	1,889	1,738	1,953	2,029	2,336
New South Wales ..	30,106	(b)40,012	36,289	37,506	37,478	38,478
Victoria ..	17,890	16,973	17,690	18,303	18,740	18,635
Queensland(a) ..	13,927	(c) 18,652	18,563	19,241	19,637	19,289
South Australia ..	6,177	6,943	7,199	7,359	7,216	7,113
Western Australia ..	6,575	6,802	5,255	7,204	7,769	8,278
Tasmania ..	1,906	2,092	1,990	1,898	2,067	2,105
Australia ..	77,483	93,363	88,724	93,464	94,936	96,234

PASSENGER-JOURNEYS.(d)
(‘000.)

Commonwealth ..	117	191	190	224	215	230
New South Wales ..	186,720	268,168	271,699	278,904	281,417	280,470
Victoria ..	142,124	165,131	162,857	166,106	169,204	166,708
Queensland(a) ..	24,639	35,003	35,819	35,879	35,919	35,647
South Australia ..	17,529	18,269	17,565	17,605	16,849	16,434
Western Australia ..	11,415	10,536	6,339	8,678	10,139	12,271
Tasmania ..	2,297	3,186	3,151	3,285	3,114	2,977
Australia ..	384,841	500,484	497,620	510,681	516,857	514,737

GOODS AND LIVESTOCK CARRIED.
(‘000 tons.)

Commonwealth ..	186	694	660	762	816	918
New South Wales (e) ..	15,417	19,817	19,121	20,140	19,386	18,787
Victoria ..	5,976	9,204	9,192	9,200	10,082	9,607
Queensland(a) ..	5,234	6,741	7,351	8,081	8,492	8,180
South Australia ..	2,640	3,941	4,147	4,433	4,474	4,414
Western Australia ..	2,859	3,063	2,619	3,206	3,407	3,793
Tasmania ..	844	889	897	968	1,041	1,075
Australia ..	33,156	44,349	43,987	46,790	47,698	46,774

(a) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Line (69 route-miles).
 (b) Estimated. (c) Partly estimated. (d) Based on ticket sales, allowances being made for periodical tickets. Except in Tasmania, concession tickets are counted as full journeys. (e) Includes an estimate for livestock.

Government Railways—continued.

System.	1938-39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.
GROSS REVENUE.(a) (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	547	2,925	2,710	3,402	3,741	4,741
New South Wales ..	19,146	68,910	72,676	74,569	73,361	75,386
Victoria ..	9,274	24,186	31,864	35,707	37,667	37,032
Queensland(b) ..	7,798	23,358	25,985	30,223	31,625	31,312
South Australia ..	3,119	9,457	11,891	12,718	12,939	13,098
Western Australia ..	3,599	8,885	7,667	11,111	12,315	13,080
Tasmania ..	487	1,797	2,039	2,133	2,322	2,535
Australia ..	43,970	139,518	154,832	169,863	173,970	177,184

WORKING EXPENSES. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	642	2,808	2,728	2,897	2,921	3,176
New South Wales ..	14,543	64,020	66,452	68,197	68,397	74,904
Victoria ..	8,060	29,612	34,008	35,951	37,032	38,026
Queensland(b) ..	6,193	24,646	27,979	29,103	30,946	33,873
South Australia ..	2,931	13,505	15,013	14,934	15,414	15,761
Western Australia ..	2,911	11,016	12,510	14,298	14,690	15,920
Tasmania ..	678	2,567	2,864	2,804	3,077	3,262
Australia ..	35,958	148,174	161,554	168,184	172,477	184,922

NET REVENUE. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	— 95	117	— 18	505	820	1,565
New South Wales ..	4,603	4,890	6,224	6,372	4,964	482
Victoria ..	1,214	— 5,426	— 2,144	— 244	635	— 994
Queensland(b) ..	1,605	— 1,288	— 1,994	1,120	679	— 2,561
South Australia ..	188	— 4,048	— 3,122	— 2,216	— 2,475	— 2,663
Western Australia ..	688	— 2,131	— 4,843	— 3,187	— 2,375	— 2,840
Tasmania ..	— 191	— 770	— 825	— 671	— 755	— 727
Australia ..	8,012	— 8,656	— 6,722	1,679	1,493	— 7,738

RATIO OF WORKING EXPENSES TO GROSS REVENUE. (PER CENT.)						
Commonwealth ..	117.43	95.99	100.66	85.14	78.09	66.99
New South Wales ..	75.96	92.90	91.44	91.45	93.23	99.36
Victoria ..	86.91	122.43	106.73	100.68	98.31	102.68
Queensland(b) ..	79.42	105.51	103.67	96.30	97.85	108.18
South Australia ..	93.97	142.81	126.26	117.42	119.12	120.33
Western Australia ..	80.90	123.98	163.18	128.68	119.29	121.71
Tasmania ..	139.18	142.81	140.44	131.48	132.50	128.69
Australia ..	81.78	106.20	104.34	99.01	99.14	104.36

(a) Excludes Government Grants.

(b) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge line (69 route-miles).

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

Government Railways—continued.

(The table on this page is prepared from quarterly statements supplied by each Government Railway, and figures therein are not completely comparable with those shown in preceding pages which are derived, in the main, from the Annual Reports of the Government Railways.)

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.(b)	Tas.	Total.
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE, 1955.								
Route Miles open ..	2,201	6,102	4,451	6,484	2,564	4,111	605	26,518
Train-miles '000	2,029	37,570	18,740	19,402	7,316	7,769	2,060	94,886
Revenue (c) £'000	803	17,787	11,132	5,304	1,796	1,350	217	38,889
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)								
Goods, including Live- stock and Minerals	2,650	51,803	24,417	25,428	10,285	10,360	2,043	126,986
Miscellaneous ..	288	3,771	2,118	(d)	917	820	62	7,976
Total Revenue (c) ..	2,741	73,361	37,667	30,732	12,998	12,530	2,322	173,351
Working Expenses £'000	2,929	68,397	37,079	30,227	(e) 15,469	13,935	2,868	170,904
Net Revenue .. £'000	812	4,964	588	505	-2,471	-1,405	-546	2,447
Ratio of Working Ex- penses to Revenue %	78.31	93.23	98.44	98.36	119.02	111.21	123.48	98.58
Revenue per Train-mile	36s. 10d.	39s. 1d.	40s. 2d.	31s. 8d.	35s. 6d.	32s. 3d.	22s. 7d.	36s. 6d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile ..	28s. 10d.	36s. 5d.	39s. 7d.	31s. 2d.	42s. 3d.	35s. 10d.	27s. 10d.	36s. 0d.
Passenger-journeys '000	215	281,417	169,204	35,756	16,849	10,139	3,115	516,695
Freight Carried, tons— '000								
Livestock ..	72	(f) 719	575	804	208	128	25	2,531
Coal and Coke ..	523		2,598	1,716	809	588		
Other Minerals ..	15	18,667		663	895	200	283	45,247
Other Goods ..	225		6,909	5,029	2,903	2,491	733	
Total Freight ..	835	19,386	10,082	8,212	4,815	3,407	1,041	47,778

TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE, 1956.

Route Miles open ..	2,201	6,103	4,445	6,387	2,564	4,119	585	26,404
Train-miles '000	2,336	38,478	18,635	19,048	7,113	8,278	2,105	95,993
Revenue(c) £'000								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)	972	19,616	12,207	5,365	1,856	1,492	222	41,730
Goods, including Live- stock and Minerals	3,436	51,963	22,635	25,140	10,396	10,989	2,246	126,805
Miscellaneous ..	333	3,807	2,190	(d)	907	793	77	8,107
Total Revenue (c) ..	4,741	75,386	37,032	30,505	13,159	13,274	2,545	176,642
Working Expenses £'000	3,176	74,904	38,027	33,153	(e) 15,818	14,993	3,038	183,109
Net Revenue .. £'000	1,565	482	-995	-2,648	-2,659	-1,719	-493	-6,467
Ratio of Working Ex- penses to Revenue %	66.99	99.36	102.69	108.68	120.21	112.95	119.38	103.66
Revenue per Train-mile	40s. 7d.	39s. 2d.	39s. 9d.	32s. 0d.	37s. 0d.	32s. 1d.	24s. 2d.	36s. 10d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile ..	27s. 2d.	38s. 11d.	40s. 10d.	34s. 10d.	44s. 6d.	36s. 3d.	28s. 10d.	38s. 2d.
Passenger-journeys '000	230	280,470	166,709	35,485	16,434	12,271	2,977	514,576
Freight Carried, tons— '000								
Livestock ..	122	(f) 731	480	806	230	138	26	2,533
Coal and Coke ..	454		2,642	1,590	259	521		
Other Minerals ..	34	18,056		687	1,004	238	294	43,985
Other Goods ..	308		6,485	4,819	2,943	2,896	755	
Total Freight ..	918	18,787	9,607	7,902	4,436	3,793	1,075	46,518

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of the Uniform Gauge Line (69 route-miles).
 (b) Financial details include road motors. (c) Excludes Government grants. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Includes depreciation. (f) Estimated.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Electric Tramways and Motor Omnibus Services for the years 1945–46 to 1954–55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin*, No. 46, pages 24–30.

ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.

(Including details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State and Year.	Route-mileage Open at 30th June.	Car-miles.	Passenger-journeys.	Gross Revenue. (a)	Working Expenses. (b)	Net Revenue
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1955–56.						
New South Wales	113	12,002	174,954	4,231	6,136	— 1,905
Victoria ..	173	24,082	222,524	6,324	6,715	— 391
Queensland ..	66	9,334	95,843	2,431	2,389	42
South Australia ..	83	7,225	48,152	1,797	2,012	— 215
Western Australia	34	2,039	15,862	436	554	— 118
Tasmania (c) ..	(d) 30	3,325	24,833	659	752	— 93
Total 1955–56 ..	499	58,007	582,168	15,878	18,558	— 2,680
Total—1954–55(c)	512	60,275	609,254	15,267	17,797	— 2,530
1953–54(c)	520	63,762	629,557	15,780	18,181	— 2,401
1952–53(c)	544	65,895	647,417	15,968	18,420	— 2,452
1951–52(c)	560	67,923	685,724	15,121	17,109	— 1,988
1938–39 ..	606	81,361	695,476	7,649	6,089	1,560

(a) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (c) Includes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus services. (d) Excludes 15 miles of Hobart Omnibus services.
NOTE.—Minus sign (–) denotes loss.

GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES.

(Excluding details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State or Territory and Year.	Route-mileage at 30th June.	Omnibus-mileage.	Passenger-journeys.	Gross Revenue.(a)	Working Expenses.(b)
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1955–56.					
New South Wales ..	490	33,987	220,543	5,731	8,457
Victoria ..	63	5,859	37,509	1,135	1,283
Queensland ..	444	6,201	40,526	938	1,104
South Australia ..	54	3,517	15,363	537	752
Western Australia ..	2,886	7,204	25,825	945	1,013
Tasmania (c) ..	561	992	1,186	177	166
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	46	922 (d)	3,925	129	195
Total 1955–56 ..	4,544	58,682	344,877	9,592	12,970
Total 1954–55 ..	4,476	58,117	356,774	9,613	12,063
1953–54(c) ..	4,591	57,318	347,525	8,853	11,387
1952–53(c) ..	4,533	55,672	340,262	9,320	11,465
1951–52(c) ..	4,458	54,124	333,200	8,542	10,298
1950–51(e) ..	3,994	53,548	340,314	7,572	8,234

(a) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (c) Excludes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus Services, details of which are included with Electric Tramways (d) Estimated. (e) Excludes particulars of Hobart Municipal Council Omnibus Services.

NOTE:—Further details of Motor Vehicle Registrations etc. appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46 and the Monthly and Annual Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles.

Excludes Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of Navy vehicles were included.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE.

State or Territory and Year.	Registrations at 30th June. (Number.)				Drivers' and Riders' Licences in Force at 30th June.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars. (a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders', etc., Licences.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
						£	£	£	£
1955-56.									
New South Wales	483,397	242,514	37,039	762,950	1,048,901	9,210,350	823,908	1,072,430	11,106,688
Victoria(b) ..	498,644	151,597	27,675	677,916	801,852	5,603,742	400,984	1,048,048	7,052,774
Queensland	179,190	127,393	20,394	326,977	(c)	4,363,428	135,674	888,762	5,387,864
South Australia	154,358	63,630	20,713	238,701	292,793	3,122,941	397,510	22,172	3,542,623
Western Australia	98,875	65,626	13,873	178,374	202,495	1,295,848	118,740	144,693	1,559,281
Tasmania ..	48,973	22,975	4,800	76,748	89,659	734,559	44,978	147,860	927,397
Northern Territory ..	1,911	3,077	566	5,554	7,541	34,917	5,321	668	40,906
Australian Capital Territory ..	6,978	2,580	515	10,073	14,005	71,976	7,250	908	80,134
Total 1955-56	1472326	679,392	125,575	2,277,293	2457284	24,437,761	1,934,365	3,325,541	29,697,667
1954-55	1347082	649,609	133,029	2,129,720	2229584	22,951,527	1,813,810	3,759,580	28,524,917
1953-54	1199833	606,899	140,614	1,947,346	2148119	20,450,179	1,634,955	4,326,359	26,411,493
1952-53(e)	1107659	579,444	147,639	1,834,742	2288370	18,779,761	1,403,019	3,708,435	23,891,215
1951-52(e)	1030992	580,502	153,933	1,765,427	2,194,167	15,995,554	1,336,530	3,607,266	20,939,350
1938-39..	562,271	258,025	79,237	899,533	1,238,497	6,318,435	508,387	257,652	7,084,474

(a) Includes hire cars and taxis. (b) See note (a) in table below. (c) Not available.
(d) Excludes Queensland. (e) Registrations exclude Northern Territory.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS. (Number.)

Vehicles and Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1956.									
Motor Cars(b)	491,502	505,380	183,125	155,956	99,566	49,063	2,060	7,170	1,493,822
Commercial Vehicles, etc.	245,382	152,324	128,481	64,948	64,509	22,049	3,211	2,573	683,477
Motor Cycles ..	36,721	27,305	20,353	20,215	13,308	4,582	585	513	123,582
Total ..	773,605	685,009	331,959	241,119	177,383	75,694	5,856	10,256	2,300,881
At 30th June, 1956	762,950	677,916	326,977	238,701	178,374	76,748	5,554	10,073	2,277,293
" " " 1955	709,036	629,147	307,721	229,502	168,808	71,673	4,999	8,834	2,129,720
" " " 1954	654,557	559,246	234,207	218,412	153,936	65,362	3,823	7,803	1,947,346
" " " 1953	613,554	539,828	266,221	205,702	141,945	60,545	(c)	6,947	1,834,742
" " " 1939	319,015	261,855	128,163	90,756	69,679	26,360	1,426	2,279	899,533

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles registered for private use.
(b) Includes hire cars and taxis. (c) Not available. (d) Excludes Northern Territory.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES. (Number.)

Vehicles and Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
THREE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1956.									
Motor Cars(b)	12,448	11,486	4,965	3,978	2,374	1,324	85	277	36,937
Commercial Vehicles, etc.	5,806	3,468	2,691	1,411	1,149	504	111	58	15,198
Motor Cycles ..	631	491	393	277	217	76	13	8	2,106
Total ..	18,885	15,445	8,049	5,666	3,740	1,904	209	343	54,241
Total 1955-56	85,039	72,753	32,689	25,896	16,462	8,425	620	1,556	243,440
1954-55	84,554	69,243	34,116	27,248	19,677	8,483	588	1,362	245,271
1953-54	67,987	50,904	28,455	21,162	16,864	7,133	420	932	193,857
1952-53	53,099	43,132	23,372	17,470	13,283	5,566	(c)	688	156,996
1938-39 ..	30,534	24,270	14,024	8,143	6,046	3,060	(d)	327	(e)86,404

(a) See Note (a) in table above. (b) Includes hire cars and taxis. (c) Excludes motor cycles.
(d) Not available. (e) Excludes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Civil Aviation for the years 1945-46 to 1954-55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46, pages 31-34.

CIVIL AVIATION. Australian Registrations, Licences, Aerodromes, Etc.

Particulars.	At 30th June.				
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
Registered Aircraft Owners	160	369	384	414	442
Registered Aircraft	344	821	845	887	924
Pilots' Licences—					
Private	1,123	1,677	2,035	2,245	2,453
Student	(a)	2,639	2,831	3,193	3,272
Commercial	376	518	552	582	665
Airline Transport		911	917	963	1,003
Flight Navigators' Licences	(b) 65	163	166	161	177
Radio Operators' Licences	(c) 75	1,256	1,310	1,344	1,481
Flight Engineers' Licences		58	67	98	94
Ground Engineers' Licences	565	1,790	1,757	1,747	1,777
Aerodromes—					
Government	71	186	198	183	188
Public	213	260	262	304	301
Flying Boat Bases and Alighting Areas	11	15	16	13	13

Australian Airline Operations, Etc.

Particulars.	1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.
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REGULAR INTERNAL SERVICES.

Hours flown	No.	60,733	237,640	251,019	257,787	251,900
Miles flown	'000.	7,930	39,059	41,014	43,513	43,701
Paying passengers	No.	94,174	1,706,446	1,772,357	1,918,125	2,020,380
Paying passenger-miles	'000.	35,569	667,321	702,139	765,652	827,885
Freight—						
Tons (d)		712	57,635	69,479	78,711	84,446
Ton-miles (d)	'000.	(e)	27,167	32,650	36,984	38,901
Mail—						
Tons (d)	(f)	82	2,311	2,316	2,317	2,478
Ton-miles (d)	'000.	(e)	1,166	1,225	1,257	1,357

OVERSEA SERVICES.(g)

Unduplicated route miles	No.	(h) 5,089	(h) 66,558	(h) 64,250	(h) 63,774	(h) 58,618
Hours flown		12,677	54,148	53,580	49,326	50,665
Miles flown	'000.	1,735	11,565	11,464	11,128	11,450
Paying passengers	No.	5,337	97,753	102,065	114,371	131,934
Paying passenger-miles	'000.	7,332	275,206	290,603	317,565	380,666
Freight—						
Tons (d)		66	1,957	2,205	2,662	2,982
Ton-miles (d)	'000.	(e)	7,401	8,331	9,372	10,494
Mail—						
Tons (d)	(f)	277	1,168	1,379	1,442	1,491
Ton-miles (d)	'000.	(e)	6,122	7,718	7,927	8,459

AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT(i) ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES.

Number	(e)	16	26	22	31
Persons Killed	38	5	36	27	22
Persons Injured	15	19	27	19	27

(a) Not available. (b) Navigators' licences. (c) Aircraft Radio Telegraph Operators only.
 (d) In terms of short tons (2,000 lb.). (e) Not available. (f) Net weight. (g) Airlines
 wholly owned or partly owned by Australian interests. (h) At 30th June. (i) Aircraft on
 Australian Register and gliders irrespective of location of accident.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones for the years 1945-46 to 1954-55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46, on pages 55-76. Further details of Road Traffic Accidents are included on pages 37-43 of that Bulletin.

TELEPHONES—LINES AND INSTRUMENTS CONNECTED.
(Number.)

Particulars.	At 30th June—				At 30th Sept. 1956.
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	
Lines connected	487,535	1,049,626	1,127,386	1,206,625	1,226,470
Instruments connected ..	661,996	1,475,513	1,587,082	1,703,622	1,733,925

BROADCASTING—LISTENERS' LICENCES.
(Number.)

In force at—	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
.. .. 1952 ..	741,355	520,364	279,852	208,691	141,950	68,832	1,961,044
.. .. 1953 ..	742,002	533,329	282,338	212,104	145,141	70,741	1,985,655
.. .. 1954 ..	769,478	545,148	287,683	220,065	148,192	71,047	2,041,613
.. .. 1955 ..	746,050	549,690	293,542	223,593	150,199	71,602	2,034,676
.. .. 1956 ..	776,284	554,339	301,371	228,625	153,445	74,729	2,088,793
30th Sept., 1956 ..	776,875	559,154	302,701	231,200	155,200	73,770	2,068,900

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.(a)
(Reported to the Police.)

State or Territory, and Period.	Total Acci- dents Re- ported.	Acci- dents in- vol- ving Casual- ties.	Persons Killed.			Persons Injured.		
			Number.	Per Million of Popu- lation.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.	Number.	Per Million of Popu- lation.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.
NINE MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1956.								
New South Wales ..	28,621	9,677	600	170	80	12,487	3,541	1,657
Victoria ..	11,102	7,827	397	155	59	10,008	3,917	1,493
Queensland ..	19,398	5,399	220	163	68	6,968	5,159	2,148
South Australia ..	9,008	2,270	125	150	52	2,935	3,517	1,229
Western Australia ..	8,357	2,400	141	210	80	3,097	4,617	1,766
Tasmania ..	1,651	607	50	153	66	739	2,268	974
Australian Capital Terri- tory ..	274	113	5	149	50	160	4,780	1,615
Total ..	79,211	28,293	1,538	165	68	36,394	3,915	1,619
Year 1954-55(b) ..	97,758	36,602	2,042	225	995	46,465	5,121	2,264
„ 1953-54(b) ..	87,224	35,523	1,976	222	105	44,629	5,013	2,377
„ 1952-53(b) ..	75,295	31,635	1,856	213	101	39,405	4,513	2,147
„ 1951-52(b) ..	68,110	31,144	2,054	241	116	38,376	4,502	2,174

(a) Refers to those accidents (known to the police) which occurred in public thoroughfares and which resulted in death or in bodily injury to any person to an extent requiring medical or surgical treatment, or in damage in excess of £10 to property. It should be noted, however, that the comparability of the statistics between States, even on this basis, still depends on the degree to which accidents so defined are in fact recorded by the police. Under legislation passed in Tasmania on 10th August, 1954, it is no longer obligatory to report accidents involving only damage to property. (b) Excludes Northern Territory.

Section X.—Employment, Unemployment and Wages.
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA.(a)
 ('000.)

Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities. (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7		133.6
1954—June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	58.7	696.1	205.7	300.1	128.4	198.3	176.6
1955—June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	58.3	714.5	211.8	308.7	129.2	207.1	182.1
1956—June	604.9	1,421.0	2,025.9	57.3	722.2	214.6	310.4	129.9	212.7	187.2
1955—April	595.3	1,395.5	1,990.8	57.8	711.4	208.5	306.5	129.2	207.6	182.1
May	596.9	1,398.5	1,995.4	57.9	713.5	210.5	307.7	129.4	207.0	181.5
June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	58.3	714.5	211.8	308.7	129.2	207.1	182.1
July	596.1	1,399.9	1,996.0	58.3	712.2	212.1	308.9	128.8	205.5	181.6
Aug.	598.3	1,401.3	1,999.6	58.2	716.2	210.0	309.3	128.8	206.3	182.1
Sept.	597.5	1,405.6	2,003.1	58.2	717.4	210.5	308.5	128.9	208.2	182.2
1956—April	601.1	1,424.3	2,025.4	56.8	723.9	211.7	310.9	130.1	213.8	187.4
May	603.6	1,424.5	2,028.1	57.1	723.1	214.0	311.4	130.1	213.6	187.5
June	604.9	1,421.0	2,025.9	57.3	722.2	214.6	310.4	129.9	212.7	187.2
July	605.7	1,416.2	2,021.9	57.2	719.9	214.0	311.0	129.5	211.0	187.6
Aug.	605.7	1,414.3	2,020.0	57.5	718.2	212.7	312.2	129.0	211.3	187.7
Sept.	604.0	1,416.1	2,020.1	57.5	718.1	212.4	311.0	128.7	212.9	188.4
FEMALES.										
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9		129.0
1954—June	114.5	593.0	707.5	1.0	219.8	4.7	36.5	115.3	77.0	218.7
1955—June	122.8	615.7	738.5	1.1	225.3	4.9	38.4	121.6	83.1	228.1
1956—June	129.8	629.1	758.9	1.2	228.3	5.1	40.1	122.9	88.1	236.5
1955—April	121.4	614.6	736.0	1.1	225.3	4.8	38.1	120.3	83.0	227.7
May	121.8	615.4	737.2	1.1	224.8	4.8	38.2	121.6	83.0	227.9
June	122.8	615.7	738.5	1.1	225.3	4.9	38.4	121.6	83.1	228.1
July	123.6	615.1	738.7	1.1	224.4	4.9	38.6	121.7	83.3	228.2
Aug.	124.2	616.7	740.9	1.1	225.6	4.9	38.6	121.3	83.8	229.3
Sept.	123.7	620.2	743.9	1.1	226.9	4.9	38.6	122.1	84.2	230.0
1956—April	129.3	631.0	760.3	1.2	229.4	5.0	40.1	122.7	88.6	236.9
May	129.7	630.9	760.6	1.2	228.8	5.1	40.2	122.3	88.5	236.9
June	129.8	629.1	758.9	1.2	228.3	5.1	40.1	122.9	88.1	236.5
July	130.8	626.8	757.6	1.2	226.7	5.1	40.2	122.4	87.8	236.9
Aug.	130.6	625.7	756.3	1.2	226.3	5.1	40.1	121.0	87.9	237.4
Sept.	129.9	627.1	757.0	1.2	227.2	5.1	40.0	121.1	87.7	237.7
PERSONS.										
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6		262.6
1954—June	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	59.7	915.9	210.4	336.6	243.7	275.3	395.3
1955—June	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.4	939.8	216.7	347.1	250.8	290.2	410.2
1956—June	734.7	2,050.1	2,784.8	58.5	950.5	219.7	350.5	252.8	300.8	423.7
1955—April	716.7	2,010.1	2,726.8	58.9	936.7	213.3	344.6	249.5	290.6	409.8
May	718.7	2,013.9	2,732.6	59.0	938.3	215.3	345.9	251.0	290.0	409.4
June	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.4	939.8	216.7	347.1	250.8	290.2	410.2
July	719.7	2,015.0	2,734.7	59.4	936.6	217.0	347.5	250.5	288.8	409.8
Aug.	722.5	2,018.0	2,740.5	59.3	941.8	214.9	347.9	250.1	290.1	411.4
Sept.	721.2	2,025.8	2,747.0	59.3	944.3	215.4	347.1	251.0	292.4	412.2
1956—April	730.4	2,055.3	2,785.7	58.0	953.3	216.7	351.0	252.8	302.4	424.3
May	733.3	2,055.4	2,788.7	58.3	951.9	219.1	351.6	253.4	302.1	424.4
June	734.7	2,050.1	2,784.8	58.5	950.5	219.7	350.5	252.8	300.8	423.7
July	736.5	2,043.0	2,779.5	58.4	946.6	219.1	351.2	251.9	298.8	424.5
Aug.	736.3	2,040.0	2,776.3	58.7	944.5	217.8	352.3	250.0	299.2	425.1
Sept.	733.9	2,043.2	2,777.1	58.7	945.3	217.5	351.0	249.8	300.6	426.1

(a) Employees in the Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948), subject to revision.

(b) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post-offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees within Australia.

(c) From July, 1948, monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—STATES.(a) (’000.)

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
MALES.									
1939—July ..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1952—June ..	754.4	524.4	258.1	171.5	126.0	61.0	4.4	8.3	1,908.1
1953—June ..	734.3	521.6	255.2	170.6	130.2	61.8	4.6	8.5	1,886.8
1954—June ..	758.1	539.7	263.7	176.0	135.0	62.8	4.9	8.2	1,948.4
1955—June ..	779.2	556.7	272.0	178.7	136.4	64.0	4.8	8.7	2,000.5
1956—June ..	787.8	564.2	276.0	184.5	135.5	64.4	5.0	8.5	2,025.9
1955—April ..	776.0	554.0	268.2	178.6	136.3	64.4	4.7	8.6	1,990.8
May ..	777.3	555.4	270.0	178.7	136.1	64.4	4.8	8.7	1,995.4
June ..	779.2	556.7	272.0	178.7	136.4	64.0	4.8	8.7	2,000.5
July ..	776.9	554.7	272.9	178.4	135.7	63.7	5.0	8.7	1,996.0
Aug. ..	780.1	555.7	272.8	177.6	135.9	63.7	5.0	8.8	1,991.6
Sept. ..	779.8	556.5	273.5	179.5	136.6	63.3	5.0	8.9	2,003.1
1956—April ..	787.8	565.0	273.2	184.4	136.9	64.7	4.9	8.5	2,025.4
May ..	788.6	565.2	274.7	184.9	136.2	65.0	5.0	8.5	2,028.1
June ..	787.8	564.2	276.0	184.5	135.5	64.4	5.0	8.5	2,025.9
July ..	786.1	563.1	276.5	183.5	134.6	64.6	5.1	8.4	2,021.9
Aug. ..	786.6	561.3	277.0	182.5	134.7	64.4	5.1	8.4	2,020.0
Sept. ..	786.8	561.6	276.7	182.6	134.4	64.4	5.1	8.5	2,020.1
FEMALES.									
1939—July ..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1952—June ..	270.5	206.6	83.8	54.9	40.5	19.8	0.8	2.5	679.4
1953—June ..	266.2	205.9	83.7	53.4	41.0	20.1	0.9	2.5	673.7
1954—June ..	279.5	217.7	86.1	56.9	42.8	21.0	0.9	2.6	707.5
1955—June ..	292.5	227.0	89.3	60.2	43.9	21.7	1.0	2.9	738.5
1956—June ..	300.2	233.0	91.2	62.9	44.6	22.8	1.1	3.1	758.9
1955—April ..	292.1	225.5	88.4	60.5	43.9	21.8	0.9	2.9	736.0
May ..	293.1	225.1	89.2	60.2	43.9	21.8	1.0	2.9	737.2
June ..	292.5	227.0	89.3	60.2	43.9	21.7	1.0	2.9	738.5
July ..	293.0	226.1	90.0	60.6	43.9	21.2	1.0	2.9	738.7
Aug. ..	294.5	226.7	90.0	60.8	43.7	21.3	1.0	2.9	740.9
Sept. ..	295.9	227.0	90.4	61.4	43.9	21.4	1.0	2.9	743.9
1956—April ..	300.4	233.8	90.6	63.6	44.8	23.0	1.1	3.0	760.3
May ..	300.7	233.4	91.0	63.3	45.0	23.0	1.1	3.1	760.6
June ..	300.2	233.0	91.2	62.9	44.6	22.8	1.1	3.1	758.9
July ..	299.5	232.5	91.3	63.1	44.6	22.5	1.1	3.0	757.6
Aug. ..	299.2	232.0	91.6	62.9	44.0	22.4	1.1	3.1	756.3
Sept. ..	300.1	232.3	91.7	62.6	44.2	21.9	1.1	3.1	757.0
PERSONS.									
1939—July ..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1952—June ..	1,024.9	731.0	341.9	226.4	166.5	80.8	5.2	10.8	2,587.5
1953—June ..	1,000.5	727.5	338.9	224.0	171.2	81.9	5.5	11.0	2,560.5
1954—June ..	1,037.6	757.4	349.8	232.9	177.8	83.8	5.8	10.8	2,655.9
1955—June ..	1,071.7	783.7	361.3	238.9	180.3	85.7	5.8	11.6	2,739.0
1956—June ..	1,088.0	797.2	367.2	247.4	180.1	87.2	6.1	11.6	2,784.8
1955—April ..	1,068.1	779.5	356.6	239.1	180.2	86.2	5.6	11.5	2,726.8
May ..	1,070.4	780.5	359.2	238.9	180.0	86.2	5.8	11.6	2,732.6
June ..	1,071.7	783.7	361.3	238.9	180.3	85.7	5.8	11.6	2,739.0
July ..	1,069.9	780.8	362.9	239.0	179.6	84.9	6.0	11.6	2,734.7
Aug. ..	1,074.6	782.4	362.8	238.4	179.6	85.0	6.0	11.7	2,740.5
Sept. ..	1,075.7	783.5	363.9	240.9	180.5	84.7	6.0	11.8	2,747.0
1956—April ..	1,088.2	798.8	363.8	248.0	181.7	87.7	6.0	11.5	2,785.7
May ..	1,089.3	798.6	365.7	248.2	181.2	88.0	6.1	11.6	2,788.7
June ..	1,088.0	797.2	367.2	247.4	180.1	87.2	6.1	11.6	2,784.8
July ..	1,085.6	795.6	367.8	246.6	179.2	87.1	6.2	11.4	2,779.5
Aug. ..	1,085.8	793.3	368.6	245.4	178.7	86.8	6.2	11.5	2,776.3
Sept. ..	1,086.9	793.9	368.4	245.2	178.6	86.3	6.2	11.6	2,777.1

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp.
See also notes on previous page.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.					
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.		
										Unadjusted.	Adjusted. (a)	
1938-39(b) ..	'000. 219.5	'000. 193.9	'000. 51.5	'000. 42.0	'000. 22.1	'000. 13.2	'000. 391.8	'000. 150.4	'000. 542.2	1,031	1,022	
1951-52(b)(c) ..	377.9	292.2	83.1	81.3	38.9	22.0	672.4	223.0	895.4	1,703	1,369	
1952-53(b)(c) ..	351.4	279.1	82.1	77.2	38.7	21.5	652.7	197.3	850.0	1,617	1,268	
1953-54(b)(c) ..	369.6	296.1	85.0	82.2	40.3	22.4	681.1	214.5	895.6	1,703	1,312	
1954-55(b)(c) ..	384.0	308.5	87.1	85.1	41.3	23.0	704.9	224.1	929.0	1,767	1,334	
1955-56(b)(c) ..	391.5	315.6	87.8	87.0	41.8	24.3	719.8	228.2	948.0	1,803	1,328	
1955-56—												
July(d) ..	386.3	310.2	89.8	85.7	41.5	23.1	712.2	224.4	936.6	1,781	1,327	
August ..	389.7	312.1	89.7	85.5	41.7	23.1	716.2	225.6	941.8	1,791	1,333	
September ..	390.2	312.9	90.0	86.0	42.0	23.2	717.4	226.9	944.3	1,796	1,333	
October ..	391.7	314.5	90.0	86.0	41.9	23.3	718.7	228.7	947.4	1,802	1,335	
November ..	393.3	315.6	90.2	86.4	42.2	23.5	722.4	228.8	951.2	1,809	1,338	
December ..	392.3	314.8	85.0	87.3	42.3	24.4	718.5	227.6	946.1	1,800	1,328	
January(d) ..	391.1	315.5	83.4	88.7	42.1	24.8	718.9	226.7	945.6	1,799	1,324	
February ..	394.2	318.9	85.4	88.3	42.0	24.7	721.8	231.7	953.5	1,814	1,332	
March ..	392.5	319.6	86.0	88.6	41.7	24.8	722.4	230.8	953.2	1,813	1,328	
April ..	393.1	318.5	87.0	87.8	41.5	25.4	723.9	229.4	953.3	1,813	1,326	
May ..	392.4	317.5	88.1	87.1	41.3	25.5	723.1	228.8	951.9	1,810	1,321	
June ..	391.6	316.6	89.5	86.4	41.0	25.4	722.2	228.3	950.5	1,808	1,318	
1956-57—												
July ..	389.5	315.0	90.0	86.1	40.7	25.3	719.9	226.7	946.6	1,800	1,309	
August ..	390.0	313.6	89.5	85.8	40.5	25.1	718.2	226.3	944.5	1,796	1,304	
September ..	390.9	313.7	89.7	85.6	40.8	24.6	718.1	227.2	945.3	1,798	1,303	

(a) Divided by Index of Total Population.
monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

(b) Average of monthly figures.

(c) From July, 1948,

(d) Affected by industrial disputes.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

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Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia.(b)		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
1951-52(c) ..	95.9	68.6	31.3	23.6	18.4	7.3	128.0	117.7	245.7
1952-53(c) ..	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6
1953-54(c) ..	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2
1954-55(c) ..	96.3	69.9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129.7	119.8	249.5
1955-56(c) ..	97.7	71.4	31.7	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.5	124.2	254.7
1955-56—									
July ..	96.1	70.0	31.5	24.7	19.7	7.9	128.8	121.7	250.5
August ..	95.9	70.2	31.3	24.6	19.6	7.8	128.8	121.3	250.1
September ..	96.1	70.6	31.3	24.9	19.6	7.8	128.9	122.1	251.0
October ..	96.5	71.2	31.6	25.1	19.7	7.9	129.5	123.3	252.8
November ..	100.6	73.0	32.5	25.7	20.0	8.1	131.9	128.8	260.7
December ..	106.0	73.5	32.5	26.3	20.5	8.3	135.6	132.3	267.9
January ..	98.0	72.3	32.1	25.9	20.2	8.0	131.4	125.9	257.3
February ..	96.6	71.2	31.4	25.7	19.9	8.0	130.2	123.3	253.5
March ..	97.2	71.2	31.5	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.5	123.2	253.7
April ..	96.3	71.2	31.6	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.1	122.7	252.8
May ..	96.5	71.3	31.7	25.4	19.7	8.0	130.1	123.3	253.4
June ..	96.0	71.6	31.9	25.2	19.6	7.8	129.9	122.9	252.8
1956-57—									
July ..	95.8	71.0	31.7	25.3	19.6	7.8	129.5	122.4	251.9
August ..	95.1	70.6	31.6	24.8	19.5	7.8	129.0	121.0	250.0
September ..	94.9	70.8	31.5	24.8	19.4	7.7	128.7	121.1	249.8

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Figures from June, 1945, subject to revision.

(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Average of monthly figures.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week. (a)

(For particulars of benefits paid, see page 78.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

1949-50 ..	10,728	128	1,578	326	267	30	13,057
1950-51 ..	293	90	320	6	60	15	784
1951-52 ..	795	162	1,348	17	57	12	..	..	2,391
1952-53 ..	17,270	6,114	4,185	841	844	256	..	..	29,510
1953-54 ..	6,859	2,856	3,177	270	427	223	..	..	13,812
1954-55 ..	1,523	576	1,459	66	157	86	..	4	3,871
1955-56 ..	1,344	447	1,544	77	473	58	..	5	3,948
* Quarter ended—									
September, 1954	2,363	1,025	1,137	88	172	138	..	3	4,926
December, ..	1,333	563	908	63	117	111	..	4	3,099
March, 1955	1,300	399	2,259	60	162	53	..	4	4,237
June, ..	1,095	318	1,532	54	178	40	1	3	3,221
September, ..	943	347	621	50	255	72	..	2	2,290
December, ..	719	301	572	45	240	70	..	1	1,948
March, 1956	1,687	359	2,991	62	441	43	..	3	5,566
June, ..	2,093	793	2,068	154	972	46	1	15	6,142
September, ..	3,056	2,765	914	598	2,099	98	..	15	9,545

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1949-50 ..	2,971	1,960	997	737	497	390	..	..	7,552
1950-51 ..	2,883	1,835	958	657	475	317	..	..	7,125
1951-52 ..	2,593	1,684	935	695	461	218	..	..	6,486
1952-53 ..	2,991	1,706	1,027	670	433	227	..	..	7,054
1953-54 ..	3,340	1,975	1,241	693	479	239	..	..	7,967
1954-55 ..	3,337	1,994	1,284	645	459	231	5	12	7,967
1955-56 ..	3,110	1,695	1,189	637	428	229	4	11	7,303
Quarter ended—									
September, 1954	3,564	2,095	1,258	696	485	252	4	12	8,366
December, ..	3,382	2,046	1,337	676	452	241	6	12	8,152
March, 1955	3,163	1,900	1,284	602	454	221	5	12	7,641
June, ..	3,233	1,936	1,258	607	445	208	5	13	7,710
September, ..	3,321	1,972	1,245	673	455	230	3	12	7,911
December, ..	3,083	1,671	1,205	641	415	248	3	10	7,276
March, 1956	2,974	1,551	1,170	506	421	213	3	10	6,938
June, ..	3,062	1,589	1,135	638	422	227	6	11	7,090
September, ..	3,170	1,733	1,151	636	473	244	5	14	7,426

(a) In addition, the average number of persons (excluding migrants) receiving Special Benefits at end of each week were:—1949-50, 877; 1950-51, 863; 1951-52, 987; 1952-53, 1,372; 1953-54, 1,859; 1954-55, 1,966, and 1955-56, 1,984.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954.

(c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK)—STATES.

Period.	Dis- putes.	Workers Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti- mated Loss in Wages. £
		Di- rectly.	Indi- rectly. (a)	Total.	New Dis- putes.	Old Dis- putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.								
Year—1955(b) ..	1,072	260,353	13,673	274,031	672,714	611	673,325	2,230,935
1955—Sept. Qtr.	308	78,126	3,967	82,093	262,719	46,440	309,159	994,182
Dec. "	242	59,479	168	59,647	92,108	13,652	105,760	373,919
1956—Mar. " (c)	240	86,112	3,835	89,947	271,707	8,545	280,252	1,018,644
June "	195	52,166	736	52,902	100,793	28,042	128,835	511,345
Sept. "	222	44,925	2,056	46,981	119,822	25,939	145,761	480,650
VICTORIA.								
Year—1955(b) ..	66	33,255	2,287	35,542	136,771	1,736	138,507	435,356
1955—Sept. Qtr.	9	3,888	265	4,153	58,682	19,656	78,338	239,735
Dec. "	11	8,282	184	8,466	18,355	..	18,355	67,962
1956—Mar. " (c)	23	16,540	1,317	17,857	85,405	140	85,545	301,665
June "	7	5,287	110	5,397	5,726	4,388	10,114	33,475
Sept. "	16	10,539	48	10,587	8,552	..	8,552	29,575
QUEENSLAND.								
Year—1955 ..	274	83,026	3,626	86,652	99,318	..	99,318	323,046
1955—Sept. Qtr.	82	19,279	876	20,155	24,063	1,636	25,699	85,853
Dec. "	65	38,383	912	39,295	29,667	1,852	31,519	99,991
1956—Mar. "	61	53,979	233	54,212	123,991	..	123,991	418,799
June "	60	16,888	644	17,532	35,381	716	36,097	116,561
Sept. "	67	17,616	787	18,403	45,556	2,632	48,188	166,952
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1955 ..	43	23,969	129	24,098	66,881	..	66,881	203,182
1955—Sept. Qtr.	9	4,056	46	4,102	34,693	7,250	41,943	121,692
Dec. "	6	6,036	..	6,036	8,739	..	8,739	30,615
1956—Mar. "	5	4,357	..	4,357	39,374	..	39,374	137,792
June "	7	4,698	..	4,698	6,155	..	6,155	22,365
Sept. "	5	4,179	..	4,179	23,533	..	23,533	81,964
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1955 ..	16	9,504	345	9,849	9,582	..	9,582	32,704
1955—Sept. Qtr.	4	1,477	177	1,654	1,563	..	1,563	5,135
Dec. "	7	3,684	168	3,852	4,611	..	4,611	15,671
1956—Mar. "	4	3,828	1,220	5,048	28,567	..	28,567	99,839
June "	1	2,039	..	2,039	564	..	564	1,973
Sept. "	7	3,787	121	3,908	1,644	..	1,644	5,532
TASMANIA.								
Year—1955 ..	48	13,204	240	13,444	20,387	..	20,387	70,927
1955—Sept. Qtr.	13	3,956	..	3,956	6,119	2,148	8,267	29,004
Dec. "	11	3,113	..	3,113	3,053	..	3,053	10,668
1956—Mar. "	14	6,922	..	6,922	23,745	..	23,745	83,060
June "	9	2,996	..	2,996	2,588	549	3,137	11,104
Sept. "	12	3,699	..	3,699	12,836	..	12,836	44,928
AUSTRALIA.(d)								
Year—1955(b) ..	1,532	424,340	20,307	444,647	1,008,537	2,347	1,010,884	3,310,321
1955—Sept. Qtr.	426	110,798	5,331	116,129	387,983	77,130	465,113	1,476,221
Dec. "	345	119,244	1,432	120,726	156,946	15,504	172,450	605,251
1956—Mar. " (c)	352	172,149	6,605	178,754	574,434	8,685	583,119	2,065,558
June "	283	84,560	1,490	86,050	152,367	33,695	186,062	700,884
Sept. "	338	85,817	3,012	88,829	214,000	28,571	242,571	817,632

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (b) Includes disputes not settled at end of 1954. (c) Includes disputes not settled at end of 1955. (d) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK) : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS, AUSTRALIA. (a)

Period.	Manu- facturing. (Groups I. to VI.)	Building. (Group VII.)	Mining. (Group VIII.)		Transport, Land, Sea and Air. (Groups IX. to XI.)	Miscel- laneous. (Groups XII. to XIV.)	All Groups.
			(I) Coal- mining.	(II) Other Mining.			
NUMBER.							
1951	142	25	912	4	242	19	1,344
1952	164	27	1,219	7	202	8	1,627
1953	143	41	944	6	311	14	1,459
1954	192	47	942	4	290	15	1,490
1955	277	72	777	8	377	21	1,532
1955— Sept. Qtr. ..	64	25	240	..	92	5	426
Dec. " ..	67	16	166	1	85	10	345
1956— March " ..	52	30	172	..	93	5	352
June " ..	38	21	143	2	70	9	283
Sept. " ..	47	17	172	1	95	6	338

WORKERS INVOLVED.							
1951	71,606	3,667	172,732	2,843	156,608	1,136	408,592
1952	157,870	1,862	193,066	4,769	145,033	3,134	505,734
1953	155,249	8,417	147,791	3,020	179,786	1,783	496,046
1954	57,010	6,925	155,630	494	145,521	4,494	370,074
1955	87,295	22,297	135,543	1,105	191,595	6,812	444,647
1955— Sept. Qtr. ..	27,179	2,950	49,014	..	35,014	1,972	116,129
Dec. " ..	15,634	3,214	34,101	14	65,171	2,592	120,726
1956— March " ..	23,306	3,790	54,976	..	96,289	393	178,754
June " ..	5,682	4,478	21,040	6,058	41,718	7,074	86,050
Sept. " ..	11,836	1,995	26,246	622	45,344	2,786	88,829

WORKING DAYS LOST.							
1951	307,173	23,750	336,447	36,255	165,437	3,912	872,974
1952	572,169	20,079	286,749	19,743	261,109	3,655	1,163,504
1953	351,722	67,506	378,715	18,956	222,564	11,367	1,050,830
1954	244,770	31,751	255,726	7,720	332,311	9,361	901,639
1955	493,075	69,443	225,336	9,106	188,532	25,392	1,010,884
1955— Sept. Qtr. ..	327,237	16,435	77,236	2,148	36,901	5,156	465,113
Dec. " ..	33,785	10,147	58,418	28	58,549	11,523	172,450
1956— March " ..	136,751	20,079	78,345	..	346,561	1,383	583,119
June " ..	70,391	28,551	33,040	6,290	33,232	14,558	186,062
Sept. " ..	61,500	9,470	47,273	1,200	117,374	5,754	242,571

ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES. (£.)							
1951	752,319	59,961	863,928	189,200	382,435	8,185	2,256,028
1952	1,593,902	56,034	932,480	94,743	752,124	10,567	3,439,850
1953	1,023,366	242,500	1,247,895	80,486	703,537	39,653	3,337,437
1954	767,051	115,972	862,384	41,265	1,207,932	26,607	3,021,211
1955	1,533,880	234,596	789,322	31,661	641,604	79,258	3,310,321
1955— Sept. Qtr. ..	1,007,903	52,160	264,701	7,468	128,973	15,016	1,476,221
Dec. " ..	117,835	40,647	205,360	140	199,477	41,792	605,251
1956— March " ..	521,551	69,105	272,746	..	1,198,900	3,256	2,065,558
June " ..	271,546	115,847	109,255	36,400	121,104	46,732	700,884
Sept. " ..	187,398	32,913	166,632	4,990	406,961	18,738	817,632

(a) See notes on page 97.

TRADE UNIONS AND MEMBERSHIP.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.									
1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	(a) 380
1951	225	156	128	137	152	101	17	29	(a) 359
1952	223	159	129	139	151	98	15	31	(a) 360
1953	224	159	129	138	152	98	18	28	(a) 365
1954	228	158	129	138	154	98	18	29	(a) 371
1955	235	160	130	138	154	101	20	32	(a) 372
NUMBER OF MEMBERS.									
1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,838	22,062	761	1,685	915,470
1951	678,338	433,407	277,037	140,067	105,507	47,413	2,764	5,738	1,690,271
1952	649,163	416,349	274,908	137,495	105,462	46,948	2,340	4,877	1,637,542
1953	665,737	434,428	285,718	140,154	107,642	48,293	2,535	5,251	1,679,758
1954	732,737	433,891	305,304	147,555	109,589	50,290	2,168	5,970	1,787,504
1955	731,960	446,372	305,509	146,422	111,959	51,401	2,440	5,799	1,801,862

(a) Without interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 75 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. An index of average weekly wage earnings, seasonally adjusted, is published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

Period.	New South Wales. (a)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia. (b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID. (£'000.)							
1951-52 ..	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53 ..	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1953-54 ..	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
1954-55 ..	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
1955-56 ..	18,955	13,358	5,809	4,195	2,897	1,476	46,690
1955-56—							
September Qtr.	18,454	12,890	5,765	4,097	2,844	1,414	45,464
December ..	19,683	13,664	6,034	4,267	2,980	1,462	48,090
March ..	18,229	12,832	5,435	4,057	2,849	1,442	44,844
June ..	19,453	14,045	6,002	4,359	2,915	1,587	48,361
1956-57—							
September Qtr.	19,613	13,877	6,145	4,364	3,003	1,529	48,531

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT.(c) (£.)							
1951-52 ..	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53 ..	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953-54 ..	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.80	15.04	14.92	15.69
1954-55 ..	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.55	15.60	16.42
1955-56 ..	18.16	18.22	15.34	17.10	16.37	16.66	17.51
1955-56—							
September Qtr.	17.79	17.75	15.16	16.98	16.12	16.11	17.16
December ..	18.83	18.68	15.89	17.49	16.82	16.45	18.04
March ..	17.46	17.43	14.54	16.43	16.08	16.25	16.81
June ..	18.57	19.00	15.75	17.51	16.45	17.61	18.02
1956-57—							
September Qtr.	18.75	18.87	15.97	17.63	17.14	17.15	18.12

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—As quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years.

WAGES—ADULT MALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1956.(a)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
I. Wood, Furniture, etc...	Weekly Wage	318/11	300/2	288/5	295/2	313/0	305/3	306/2
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/11½	7/6	7/2½	7/4½	7/10	7/7½	7/7½
II. Engineering Works, etc. Metal	Weekly Wage	303/10	295/3	314/9	289/4	313/9	308/5	301/2
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/7½	7/4½	7/10½	7/2½	7/10½	7/8½	7/6½
III. Food, Drink, etc. ...	Weekly Wage	307/10	310/6	282/3	300/2	303/8	320/1	303/2
	Working Hours	40.00	39.93	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.98
	Hourly Wage	7/8½	7/9½	7/0½	7/6	7/7	8/0	7/7
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	Weekly Wage	292/7	292/6	298/2	298/2	302/5	290/2	293/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/3½	7/3½	7/5½	7/5½	7/6½	7/3	7/4
V. Books, Printing, etc. ...	Weekly Wage	351/8	346/6	332/5	328/9	360/3	345/10	346/1
	Working Hours	40.00	39.51	40.00	40.00	37.69	40.00	39.72
	Hourly Wage	8/9½	8/9½	8/3½	8/2½	9/6½	8/7½	8/8½
VI. Other Manufacturing ...	Weekly Wage	308/8	298/11	281/2	296/0	302/11	314/4	301/6
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/8½	7/5½	7/0½	7/4½	7/6½	7/10½	7/6½
VII. Building ...	Weekly Wage	348/1	335/4	320/5	314/1	329/4	327/10	335/11
	Working Hours	39.94	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.98
	Hourly Wage	8/8½	8/4½	8/0	7/10½	8/2½	8/2½	8/4½
VIII. Mining (c) ...	Weekly Wage	312/6	312/3	294/10	282/1	326/4	301/5	310/4
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	38.15	40.00	39.69
	Hourly Wage	7/9½	7/9½	7/4½	7/0½	8/6½	7/6½	7/9½
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	325/1	321/4	304/2	294/6	305/5	325/10	316/5
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	8/1½	8/0½	7/7½	7/4½	7/7½	8/1½	7/11
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	305/1	286/3	277/2	278/4	302/10	293/6	293/2
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/7½	7/2	6/11½	6/11½	7/6½	7/4	7/4
XI. Shipping, etc.(d)(e) ..	Weekly Wage	320/9	322/4	318/6	319/11	320/3	321/4	320/7
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.(f)	Weekly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	Weekly Wage	292/5	290/11	261/2	265/11	282/4	281/6	284/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/3½	7/3½	6/6½	6/7½	7/0½	7/0½	7/1½
XIV. Miscellaneous ..	Weekly Wage	304/0	301/2	274/6	273/3	294/9	293/1	295/7
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/7½	7/6½	6/10½	6/10	7/4½	7/4	7/4½
All Groups (b)(g)	Weekly Wage	321/10	310/9	299/2	295/2	313/3	318/6	312/6
All Groups except XI. and XII.(b)	Weekly Wage	312/0	306/3	288/10	287/7	309/7	303/11	304/9
	Working Hours	39.99	39.98	40.00	40.00	39.51	40.00	39.95
	Hourly Wage	7/9½	7/8	7/2½	7/2½	7/10	7/7½	7/7½

(a) The figures of nominal wages and hours of labour are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms. (b) Weighted average. (c) Average rates of wages and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (d) Average rates of wages are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied. (e) Definite particulars for the computation of average working hours and hourly rates of wages are not available. (f) Not available. (g) For September, 1956 the "All Groups" average weekly wage and index number have been calculated by applying, to the December, 1955 "All Groups" average weekly wage, the percentage movement as shown by the average weekly wage for "All Groups excluding XI. and XII." from December, 1955 to September, 1956.

WAGES—ADULT FEMALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1956. (a)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
III. Food, Drink, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	208/11	211/9	184/3	207/5	181/7	207/2	207/8
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/2½	5/3½	4/7½	5/2½	4/6½	5/2½	5/2½
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	203/8	204/3	207/9	207/9	208/10	206/11	204/11
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/1	5/1½	5/2½	5/2½	5/2½	5/2	5/1½
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	220/5	211/5	198/9	215/8	..	208/0	214/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/6	5/3½	4/11½	5/4½	..	5/2½	5/4½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	205/3	216/7	182/1	204/4	192/9	209/10	203/5
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/1½	5/5	4/6½	5/1½	4/9½	5/3	5/1
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	234/2	253/6	206/7	207/3	..	..	234/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	..	..	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/10½	6/4	5/2	5/2½	..	..	5/10½
All Groups (b) ..	Weekly Wage	212/10	216/2	199/9	207/5	200/5	207/10	211/7
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/3½	5/4½	5/0	5/2½	5/0½	5/2½	5/3½

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average.

WAGES—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE INDEX NUMBERS. (a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'd.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
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ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914 ..	56 2	54 7	53 5	54 5	62 10	52 8	55 7
" " 1939 ..	96 7	93 6	97 5	98 11	100 6	89 5	95 3
" " 1952 ..	284 8	274 5	267 9	274 6	284 7	276 2	278 2
" " 1953 ..	296 8	282 6	273 10	278 9	292 5	296 11	287 7
" " 1954 ..	298 4	284 3	278 7	282 2	293 3	299 2	290 0
" " 1955 ..	310 1	296 7	284 11	284 9	304 9	302 7	300 0
30th September, 1956(c) ..	321 10	310 9	299 2	295 2	313 3	318 6	312 6

ADULT MALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE: 518. 3D. (b) IN 1911 = 1,000.)

	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
31st December, 1914 ..	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" " 1939 ..	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
" " 1952 ..	5,555	5,354	5,224	5,356	5,553	5,388	5,428
" " 1953 ..	5,788	5,513	5,342	5,439	5,705	5,794	5,611
" " 1954 ..	5,820	5,547	5,435	5,506	5,722	5,837	5,658
" " 1955 ..	6,051	5,787	5,559	5,555	5,946	5,905	5,853
30th September, 1956(c) ..	6,279	6,063	5,898	5,759	6,112	6,214	6,098

ADULT FEMALES: RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914 ..	26 10	27 9	27 1	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 5
" " 1939 ..	53 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 8	52 8
" " 1952 ..	193 11	196 2	184 4	195 8	186 0	191 2	193 5
" " 1953 ..	198 5	200 10	188 7	199 6	190 5	196 4	197 11
" " 1954 ..	198 9	200 2	190 0	199 5	190 5	196 7	197 11
" " 1955 ..	205 3	206 9	192 10	199 11	193 7	197 11	203 4
30th September, 1956 ..	212 10	216 2	199 9	207 5	200 5	207 10	211 7

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE—278. 2D. (b) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)

	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
31st December, 1914 ..	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
" " 1939 ..	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
" " 1952 ..	7,138	7,220	6,784	7,202	6,846	7,037	7,120
" " 1953 ..	7,302	7,392	6,940	7,342	7,007	7,226	7,285
" " 1954 ..	7,314	7,367	6,994	7,339	7,007	7,236	7,285
" " 1955 ..	7,554	7,608	7,098	7,358	7,125	7,284	7,483
30th September, 1956 ..	7,834	7,955	7,352	7,635	7,377	7,649	7,787

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) See note (g) on previous page.

BASIC WAGE—WEEKLY RATES FOR ADULT MALES UNDER AWARDS OF COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION. (a)

Date Operative.	Sydney	Mel-bourne.	Bris-bane.	Adel-aide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
September, 1939	81 0	81 0	76 0	78 0	77 0	77 0	79 0
December, 1946	108 0	106 0	101 0	102 0	102 0	103 0	105 0
November, 1947	112 0	109 0	105 0	106 0	106 0	107 0	109 0
" 1948	122 0	120 0	115 0	116 0	116 0	118 0	119 0
" 1949	132 0	130 0	125 0	126 0	129 0	123 0	129 0
" 1950	146 0	143 0	135 0	137 0	139 0	139 0	142 0
December, 1950	165 0	162 0	154 0	158 0	160 0	160 0	162 0
November, 1951	207 0	199 0	185 0	195 0	197 0	199 0	200 0
May, 1952	223 0	212 0	207 0	211 0	214 0	214 0	216 0
August, 1952	235 0	224 0	213 0	224 0	222 0	222 0	227 0
November, 1952	237 0	228 0	216 0	229 0	228 0	230 0	231 0
February, 1953	238 0	229 0	215 0	225 0	229 0	232 0	231 0
May, 1953	241 0	232 0	217 0	228 0	231 0	239 0	234 0
August, 1953(b)	243 0	235 0	218 0	231 0	236 0	242 0	236 0
June, 1956(c)	253 0	245 0	228 0	241 0	246 0	252 0	246 0

(a) Rates operative from beginning of first pay period commencing in months shown. (b) By decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, announced on 12th September, 1953, automatic adjustment of basic wages in accordance with variations occurring in retail price index numbers was discontinued in Commonwealth awards. (c) On the 25th May, 1956, following the Basic Wage Inquiry, 1956, the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration announced its decision to increase the basic wage for an adult male by 10s. per week, and rejected the claim for restoration of the system of automatic quarterly adjustments.

NOTE.—Since December 1950, the female basic wage has been 75 per cent. of corresponding male rate; previously it had ranged between 54 per cent. and 75 per cent.

STATE BASIC WAGES—WEEKLY RATES.

State.	August, 1956.			November, 1956.		
	Date of Operation.	Males.	Females.	Date of Operation.	Males.	Females.
	(a)	s. d.	s. d.	(a)	s. d.	s. d.
New South Wales(b)—						
Metropolitan and Country, excluding Broken Hill ..	Aug., 1956	263 0	197 0	Nov., 1956	274 0	205 6
Broken Hill	Aug., 1956	261 0	195 6	Nov., 1956	272 0	204 0
Victoria(c)	Aug., 1956	263 0	197 0	Aug., 1956	263 0	197 0
Queensland(d)—						
Southern Division (Eastern District), including Brisbane	23.7.56	237 0	160 0	29.10.56	241 0	162 6
Southern Division (Western District)	23.7.56	244 4	163 8	29.10.56	248 4	166 2
Mackay Division	23.7.56	242 6	162 9	29.10.56	246 6	165 3
Northern Division (Eastern District)	23.7.56	247 0	165 0	29.10.56	251 0	167 6
Northern Division (Western District)	23.7.56	254 4	168 8	29.10.56	258 4	171 2
South Australia(e)	June 1956	241 0	180 6	June, 1956	241 0	180 6
Western Australia(f)—						
Metropolitan Area	23.7.56	261 6	170 0	29.10.56	265 2	172 4
South-West Land Division ..	23.7.56	258 10	168 3	29.10.56	262 11	170 11
Goldfield and other areas ..	23.7.56	258 10	168 3	29.10.56	262 8	170 9
Tasmania(g)	Aug., 1956	272 0	204 0	Aug., 1956	272 0	204 0

(a) Where dates are not quoted wage rates operate from beginning of first pay-period in month shown. (b) Automatic adjustment discontinued from 12th September, 1953 (following decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration) until the first pay-period in November, 1955 when it was reintroduced by an amendment to the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage and Standard Hours) Act assented to on 4th November, 1955. (c) No basic wage declared but rates shown (Melbourne) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. (d) Amendment to the Labour and Industry Act automatic adjustment of the basic wage was discontinued after the August, 1956, variation. (e) The Queensland Industrial Court each quarter announces the variation, if any, in the basic wage, after considering movements in the "C" Series Retail Price Index numbers. (f) The "living wage" declared for the metropolitan area is also adopted in country areas except at Whyalla where a loading of 5s. is generally payable. Prior to the discontinuance of automatic quarterly adjustments the "living wage" was subject to quarterly variation in accordance with the automatic quarterly adjustment to the Commonwealth basic wage for Adelaide. (g) The Western Australian Court of Arbitration each quarter announces the variation, if any, in the basic wage, after considering movements in the cost of living statements prepared by the Government Statistician. (h) None declared, but Commonwealth basic wage (Hobart) is commonly adopted by Wages Boards. Commencing first pay period February, 1956, Wages Boards reintroduced automatic quarterly adjustments based on movements in "C" Series retail price index numbers and increased rate to that payable at quarterly adjustments had not been discontinued by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration in September, 1953. Automatic quarterly adjustments were suspended by the majority of Wages Boards following the adjustment payable in August, 1956.

Section XI.—Prices.

THE INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

For a description of the structure and scope of the Interim Index and a comparison with that of the "C" Series, see 1954 Labour Report, pages 8-15.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Index: Year 1952-53=100.)

NOTE.—The index numbers hereunder are designed to measure aggregate variations in retail prices of specified groups of items for specified cities individually. They measure variations from time to time and not differences in price level as between cities nor comparative costs of groups of items.

City.	Year ended June, 1952.	Year ended June, 1953.	Year ended June, 1954.	Year ended June, 1955.	Year ended June, 1956.	1955.			1956.	
						June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.
GROUP I.—FOOD.										
Sydney ..	89.9	100.0	102.4	103.6	109.0	105.1	106.5	107.2	109.1	113.1
Melbourne ..	89.1	100.0	104.6	104.3	112.9	106.2	110.1	111.5	112.6	117.2
Brisbane ..	90.1	100.0	104.1	104.2	108.1	106.0	106.8	105.6	108.7	111.1
Adelaide ..	90.5	100.0	103.5	106.2	111.1	108.2	109.2	109.7	110.1	115.2
Perth ..	87.0	100.0	106.3	109.5	111.3	111.2	109.6	109.8	112.0	113.9
Hobart ..	86.8	100.0	107.7	106.8	113.6	108.7	110.5	113.4	114.7	115.8
Six Capitals(a)	89.4	100.0	103.7	104.6	110.6	106.4	108.2	109.0	110.6	114.5

GROUP II.—CLOTHING AND DRAPERY.

Sydney ..	93.6	100.0	101.7	102.3	103.0	102.8	103.0	103.1	102.8	103.1
Melbourne ..	93.4	100.0	101.3	102.2	103.9	103.6	103.8	103.9	104.0	104.0
Brisbane ..	94.6	100.0	101.7	102.9	103.3	103.8	103.5	103.2	103.1	103.2
Adelaide ..	93.9	100.0	102.2	102.9	102.9	103.9	102.8	103.3	103.1	102.5
Perth ..	95.5	100.0	100.9	101.6	103.0	102.7	102.7	103.1	103.0	103.3
Hobart ..	94.7	100.0	102.6	103.1	104.6	103.7	103.9	104.4	104.5	105.4
Six Capitals(a)	93.8	100.0	101.6	102.4	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.4	103.3	103.4

GROUP III.—RENT(b) (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.)

Sydney ..	87.7	100.0	107.7	109.5	111.3	109.7	110.6	111.1	111.7	112.0
Melbourne ..	99.6	100.0	100.8	102.3	111.9	102.3	102.7	102.9	120.7	121.3
Brisbane ..	97.7	100.0	102.9	105.2	107.0	105.7	106.4	106.4	107.3	107.8
Adelaide ..	86.0	100.0	102.7	105.6	114.9	109.3	112.1	113.6	116.1	118.0
Perth ..	94.4	100.0	110.8	149.6	159.1	153.1	154.9	157.0	160.4	164.1
Hobart ..	91.4	100.0	108.8	109.4	126.1	109.5	109.5	110.3	139.4	145.2
Six Capitals(a)	92.6	100.0	105.0	109.6	115.5	110.5	111.4	112.0	118.8	119.7

GROUP IV.—OTHER ITEMS.(c)

Sydney ..	93.6	100.0	100.5	100.9	103.6	100.9	101.5	103.2	103.6	106.2
Melbourne ..	88.7	100.0	100.9	101.3	109.6	101.8	102.9	110.1	110.7	114.6
Brisbane ..	92.7	100.0	103.0	104.5	110.1	104.9	106.0	109.6	110.0	114.7
Adelaide ..	90.2	100.0	99.3	99.9	103.7	101.7	102.7	102.7	102.8	106.6
Perth ..	89.6	100.0	100.8	101.9	106.4	103.3	104.5	105.1	106.2	109.9
Hobart ..	89.0	100.0	108.2	105.1	110.3	105.5	108.9	109.0	109.9	113.5
Six Capitals(a)	91.3	100.0	100.9	101.4	106.4	101.9	102.8	106.2	106.7	110.1

ALL GROUPS.

Sydney ..	91.7	100.0	102.2	103.1	106.1	103.8	104.6	105.4	106.2	108.5
Melbourne ..	91.0	100.0	102.4	102.7	109.5	104.0	105.8	108.3	110.4	113.3
Brisbane ..	92.7	100.0	103.0	104.0	107.1	105.1	105.6	106.0	107.3	109.5
Adelaide ..	90.9	100.0	102.0	103.6	107.2	105.4	106.0	106.4	106.8	109.7
Perth ..	90.7	100.0	103.9	109.6	112.7	111.2	111.1	111.6	113.1	115.2
Hobart ..	89.9	100.0	106.6	105.6	111.5	106.6	108.2	109.6	113.0	115.1
Six Capitals(a)	91.4	100.0	102.5	103.6	108.0	104.7	105.7	107.0	108.3	110.8

(a) Weighted Average. (b) See note (c) on page 107. (c) A group of items under the following headings—Electricity, Gas, and Firewood; Household Sundries; Services; Cinema Admission, Radio Licence, and Newspapers; Fares; and Tobacco and Cigarettes.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

NOTE.—The retail price index numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capital Cities are made equal to 1,000.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of rent, food and groceries, &c., since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1938.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1955.			1956.	
							June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.
GROUP I. FOOD AND GROCERIES.											
Sydney	904	2,099	2,654	2,711	2,721	2,871	2,835	2,907	2,936	2,986	3,128
Melbourne	884	2,088	2,509	2,684	2,687	2,854	2,769	2,926	2,994	3,002	3,148
Brisbane	838	1,823	2,328	2,413	2,451	2,526	2,518	2,553	2,530	2,628	2,684
Adelaide	861	1,931	2,380	2,444	2,525	2,657	2,642	2,677	2,712	2,700	2,847
Perth	899	1,963	2,359	2,608	2,802	2,868	2,905	2,870	2,878	2,937	3,000
Hobart	880	1,992	2,487	2,803	2,797	2,925	2,874	2,944	3,052	3,076	3,102
Six Capitals(a) ..	886	2,041	2,526	2,641	2,671	2,811	2,770	2,854	2,891	2,926	3,054
GROUP II.—RENT(b)—4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.											
Sydney	1,004	1,053	1,118	1,276	1,324	1,338	1,332	1,342	1,348	1,355	1,359
Melbourne	935	980	984	988	998	1,008	1,006	1,010	1,011	1,186	1,192
Brisbane	841	934	958	981	1,010	1,027	1,024	1,031	1,031	1,040	1,044
Adelaide	868	949	1,055	1,155	1,174	1,247	1,239	1,271	1,288	1,316	1,338
Perth	872	1,065	1,185	1,205	1,602	1,843	1,837	1,858	1,880	1,920	1,962
Hobart	913	1,048	1,079	1,249	1,271	1,275	1,272	1,272	1,282	1,619	1,684
Six Capitals(a) ..	942	1,009	1,057	1,138	1,192	1,226	1,222	1,232	1,238	1,310	1,320
GROUP III.—CLOTHING.											
Sydney	833	2,806	3,116	3,273	3,263	3,268	3,267	3,276	3,279	3,267	3,279
Melbourne	820	2,697	3,085	3,201	3,196	3,230	3,230	3,243	3,249	3,250	3,255
Brisbane	823	2,690	3,016	3,103	3,120	3,141	3,150	3,143	3,136	3,128	3,134
Adelaide	857	2,736	3,108	3,235	3,218	3,237	3,254	3,223	3,238	3,239	3,213
Perth	823	2,759	3,123	3,185	3,188	3,221	3,230	3,214	3,229	3,228	3,228
Hobart	848	2,752	3,089	3,212	3,238	3,261	3,262	3,262	3,278	3,278	3,303
Six Capitals(a) ..	829	2,749	3,096	3,223	3,218	3,237	3,240	3,243	3,248	3,243	3,248
GROUP IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.											
Sydney	936	1,711	1,980	2,041	2,048	2,037	2,031	2,040	2,064	2,074	2,135
Melbourne	982	1,668	1,949	2,090	2,090	2,129	2,105	2,118	2,214	2,224	2,325
Brisbane	947	1,603	1,841	1,928	1,987	2,022	2,000	2,015	2,078	2,086	2,172
Adelaide	1,023	1,710	2,025	2,098	2,103	2,145	2,156	2,161	2,160	2,161	2,225
Perth	949	1,624	1,945	2,039	2,049	2,095	2,096	2,114	2,123	2,129	2,176
Hobart	933	1,600	1,920	2,137	2,125	2,123	2,117	2,136	2,136	2,140	2,199
Six Capitals(a) ..	961	1,679	1,958	2,053	2,062	2,081	2,070	2,081	2,128	2,137	2,212
TOTAL ALL GROUPS.											
Sydney	913	1,933	2,265	2,368	2,382	2,439	2,423	2,455	2,471	2,490	2,556
Melbourne	896	1,880	2,170	2,285	2,288	2,365	2,329	2,392	2,436	2,481	2,555
Brisbane	852	1,760	2,063	2,135	2,170	2,211	2,206	2,221	2,223	2,260	2,299
Adelaide	888	1,833	2,159	2,246	2,277	2,354	2,352	2,366	2,386	2,388	2,452
Perth	882	1,860	2,170	2,295	2,459	2,554	2,569	2,561	2,573	2,605	2,646
Hobart	887	1,861	2,180	2,399	2,406	2,458	2,438	2,467	2,511	2,598	2,639
Six Capitals(a) ..	897	1,883	2,196	2,302	2,326	2,393	2,375	2,411	2,435	2,465	2,528

(a) Weighted average.

(b) See note (c) on page 107.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	Including Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions.					Excluding Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions. (a)				
	June Qtr. 1956.	September Quarter, 1956.				June Qtr. 1956.	September Quarter, 1956.			
		July.	Aug.	Sept.	Sept. Qtr.		July.	Aug.	Sept.	Sept. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—										
Sydney	3,128	3,313	3,331	3,410	3,351	2,979	3,068	3,069	3,043	3,060
Newcastle	3,162	3,321	3,390	3,413	3,375	3,018	3,041	3,096	3,112	3,096
Broken Hill	3,217	3,402	3,415	3,572	3,463	3,108	3,177	3,174	3,169	3,173
Goulburn	3,187	3,330	3,414	3,471	3,405	3,042	3,098	3,110	3,105	3,104
Bathurst	3,198	3,319	3,366	3,481	3,395	3,062	3,106	3,111	3,118	3,112
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	3,133	3,316	3,338	3,415	3,356	2,986	3,072	3,074	3,052	3,066
VICTORIA—										
Melbourne	3,148	3,260	3,310	3,442	3,337	2,987	3,006	2,986	3,006	2,999
Ballarat	3,167	3,291	3,342	3,478	3,370	3,023	3,046	3,049	3,065	3,053
Bendigo	3,136	3,290	3,339	3,470	3,366	3,012	3,036	3,031	3,066	3,044
Geelong	3,128	3,250	3,282	3,422	3,318	2,984	3,006	2,984	3,023	3,004
Warrnambool .. .	3,243	3,371	3,412	3,551	3,445	3,112	3,151	3,141	3,165	3,152
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	3,148	3,263	3,311	3,444	3,339	2,990	3,009	2,991	3,011	3,004
Queensland—										
Brisbane	2,684	2,791	2,846	2,922	2,853	2,585	2,607	2,627	2,639	2,624
Toowoomba	2,764	2,849	2,869	2,998	2,905	2,651	2,670	2,651	2,697	2,673
Rockhampton .. .	2,698	2,746	2,815	2,880	2,814	2,587	2,597	2,596	2,626	2,606
Townsville	2,825	2,912	2,940	2,987	2,946	2,725	2,754	2,732	2,742	2,743
Bundaberg	2,724	2,773	2,833	2,923	2,843	2,610	2,613	2,624	2,637	2,625
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	2,701	2,799	2,851	2,928	2,859	2,599	2,620	2,633	2,648	2,634
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—										
Adelaide	2,847	2,933	2,984	3,161	3,026	2,739	2,753	2,750	2,741	2,748
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo ..	2,889	2,984	3,041	3,262	3,096	2,784	2,804	2,800	2,801	2,802
Port Pirie	2,916	3,012	3,067	3,256	3,112	2,808	2,827	2,825	2,823	2,825
Mount Gambier ..	2,946	3,036	3,108	3,255	3,133	2,827	2,859	2,864	2,846	2,856
Peterborough .. .	2,924	3,013	3,071	3,262	3,115	2,809	2,830	2,829	2,819	2,826
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	2,853	2,939	2,992	3,170	3,034	2,745	2,759	2,757	2,748	2,755
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—										
Perth and Fremantle ..	3,000	3,055	3,066	3,069	3,063	3,000	3,046	3,042	3,023	3,030
Kalgoorlie and Boulder ..	3,142	3,193	3,211	3,245	3,216	3,131	3,178	3,183	3,213	3,191
Northam	3,022	3,083	3,105	3,157	3,115	3,022	3,080	3,086	3,121	3,096
Bunbury	3,037	3,072	3,092	3,139	3,101	3,031	3,058	3,064	3,083	3,070
Geraldton	3,059	3,157	3,172	3,217	3,182	3,056	3,146	3,149	3,174	3,156
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	3,012	3,068	3,080	3,088	3,079	3,012	3,058	3,056	3,047	3,054
TASMANIA—										
Hobart	3,102	3,185	3,186	3,239	3,203	3,033	3,047	3,042	3,024	3,038
Launceston	3,038	3,088	3,091	3,203	3,127	2,922	2,909	2,891	2,893	2,898
Burnie	3,071	3,159	3,241	3,334	3,245	2,951	2,975	3,004	2,989	2,989
Devonport	3,068	3,154	3,196	3,210	3,187	2,965	2,971	2,966	2,956	2,964
Queensdown	3,239	3,383	3,423	3,551	3,452	3,137	3,188	3,189	3,194	3,190
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	3,085	3,160	3,167	3,241	3,189	2,996	3,003	2,995	2,985	2,994
THIRTY TOWNS (b) ..	3,054	3,185	3,221	3,320	3,242	2,924	2,970	2,966	2,964	2,967
SIX CAPITALS (b) ..	3,054	3,188	3,222	3,322	3,244	2,922	2,970	2,966	2,961	2,966
Lithgow (N.S.W.) (c) ..	3,255	3,446	3,525	3,592	3,521	3,110	3,218	3,242	3,238	3,233
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	2,765	2,846	2,877	2,980	2,901	2,651	2,675	2,657	2,669	2,667
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c)	2,921	3,021	3,094	3,257	3,124	2,813	2,832	2,856	2,859	2,849
Whyalla (S.A.) (c) ..	2,993	3,083	3,139	3,287	3,170	2,883	2,901	2,901	2,902	2,901
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) ..	3,324	3,451	3,526	3,636	3,538	3,187	3,246	3,254	3,249	3,250

(a) Cumulated as from September Quarter, 1955.
averages above.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Not included in weighted

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

Retail Price Index Numbers—Food, Groceries, Rent, (4 and 5 Roomed Houses), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	Including Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions.			Excluding Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions. (a)	
						1955.	Sept. Qtr. 1955.	Sept. Qtr. 1956.	Sept. Qtr. 1955.	Sept. Qtr. 1956.
NEW SOUTH WALES—										
Sydney	913	1,938	2,265	2,368	2,382	2,439	2,455	2,665	2,439	2,559
Newcastle	877	1,901	2,209	2,295	2,324	2,395	2,409	2,604	2,396	2,503
Broken Hill	940	1,997	2,344	2,411	2,421	2,453	2,464	2,644	2,449	2,539
Goulburn	893	1,921	2,232	2,302	2,327	2,422	2,445	2,656	2,433	2,548
Bathurst	860	1,882	2,219	2,364	2,382	2,441	2,455	2,626	2,442	2,524
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	911	1,931	2,262	2,362	2,378	2,435	2,451	2,659	2,436	2,554
VICTORIA—										
Melbourne	896	1,880	2,170	2,285	2,288	2,365	2,392	2,628	2,370	2,506
Ballarat	850	1,857	2,147	2,265	2,272	2,340	2,365	2,594	2,347	2,478
Bendigo	854	1,826	2,139	2,261	2,266	2,339	2,359	2,607	2,336	2,490
Geelong	884	1,871	2,154	2,263	2,268	2,341	2,363	2,597	2,346	2,484
Warrnambool .. .	892	1,886	2,205	2,323	2,345	2,407	2,419	2,659	2,403	2,552
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	893	1,877	2,168	2,283	2,286	2,363	2,389	2,626	2,363	2,504
QUEENSLAND—										
Brisbane	852	1,760	2,063	2,135	2,170	2,211	2,221	2,370	2,209	2,287
Toowoomba	843	1,773	2,083	2,160	2,191	2,247	2,251	2,404	2,239	2,320
Rockhampton .. .	853	1,785	2,091	2,166	2,206	2,253	2,259	2,392	2,250	2,319
Townsville	902	1,818	2,148	2,243	2,284	2,333	2,325	2,478	2,319	2,406
Bundaberg	831	1,754	2,056	2,118	2,157	2,202	2,202	2,326	2,194	2,249
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	854	1,767	2,072	2,145	2,181	2,225	2,233	2,380	2,221	2,298
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—										
Adelaide	888	1,833	2,159	2,246	2,277	2,354	2,366	2,526	2,350	2,426
Kadina, &c. .. .	786	1,742	2,077	2,162	2,201	2,255	2,261	2,419	2,248	2,312
Port Pirie	863	1,811	2,135	2,210	2,251	2,309	2,312	2,463	2,296	2,359
Mount Gambier ..	849	1,863	2,145	2,226	2,267	2,314	2,329	2,483	2,312	2,382
Peterborough .. .	868	1,808	2,129	2,199	2,255	2,330	2,345	2,490	2,328	2,385
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	883	1,829	2,155	2,241	2,274	2,348	2,360	2,520	2,344	2,419
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—										
Perth, &c.	882	1,860	2,170	2,295	2,459	2,554	2,561	2,680	2,558	2,671
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,048	1,940	2,262	2,361	2,426	2,493	2,502	2,579	2,500	2,569
Northam	900	1,870	2,186	2,315	2,417	2,508	2,511	2,607	2,509	2,599
Bunbury	914	1,870	2,195	2,314	2,447	2,569	2,581	2,687	2,579	2,677
Geraldton	957	1,956	2,293	2,421	2,577	2,702	2,702	2,849	2,699	2,840
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	897	1,868	2,180	2,303	2,458	2,552	2,559	2,675	2,557	2,665
TASMANIA—										
Hobart	887	1,861	2,180	2,399	2,406	2,458	2,467	2,703	2,459	2,645
Launceston	872	1,857	2,154	2,359	2,364	2,400	2,404	2,691	2,392	2,610
Burnie	865	1,810	2,120	2,309	2,316	2,373	2,382	2,674	2,366	2,584
Devonport	848	1,793	2,093	2,285	2,295	2,339	2,349	2,608	2,333	2,529
Queenstown	875	1,808	2,119	2,308	2,321	2,380	2,391	2,571	2,378	2,476
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	879	1,852	2,163	2,375	2,381	2,428	2,436	2,689	2,426	2,620
THIRTY TOWNS (b) ..	894	1,880	2,193	2,299	2,323	2,389	2,406	2,607	2,390	2,507
SIX CAPITALS (b) ..	897	1,883	2,196	2,302	2,326	2,393	2,411	2,612	2,394	2,511
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	800	1,751	2,063	2,140	2,178	2,218	2,223	2,357	2,210	2,274
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c)	863	1,823	2,141	2,204	2,235	2,300	2,312	2,467	2,294	2,367
Whyalla (S.A.) (c) ..	(d)	1,848	2,166	2,274	2,313	2,367	2,374	2,509	2,359	2,412
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) ..	966	1,931	2,247	2,328	2,353	2,472	2,519	2,727	2,513	2,624

(a) Cumulated as from September Quarter, 1955.
averages above.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Not included in weighted

(d) Not available.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The "C" Series Retail Price Index and its Group Index Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined.

(Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.) (a)

Period.	Food and Groceries. (b)	Rent (4 and 5) Roomed Houses). (c)	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	Total "C" Series Index. (b)	
Year—						
1914(d)	641	649	754	749	687	
1919(d)	1,026	768	1,238	1,036	1,022	
1924	969	988	1,003	1,004	987	
1925	998	1,008	991	992	997	
1926	1,023	1,026	986	998	1,011	
1927	1,000	1,030	975	1,008	1,002	
1928	985	1,066	997	1,010	1,009	
1929	1,044	1,073	996	1,007	1,033	
1930	941	1,047	951	999	975	
1931	826	901	853	973	873	
1932	796	817	804	958	830	
1933	751	804	787	950	804	
1934	783	810	785	944	817	
1935	806	839	783	946	832	
1936	825	879	792	947	850	
1937	851	912	811	960	873	
1938	886	942	829	961	897	
1939	927	965	841	962	920	
1940	939	973	956	998	957	
1941	947	976	1,118	1,060	1,008	
1942	1,031	976	1,308	1,112	1,091	
1943	1,037	975	1,440	1,160	1,131	
1944	1,026	976	1,435	1,165	1,126	
1945	1,034	975	1,425	1,161	1,126	
1946	1,036	976	1,505	1,167	1,145	
1947	1,100	977	1,566	1,199	1,188	
1948	1,256	979	1,744	1,257	1,295	
1949	1,394	982	1,997	1,338	1,415	
1950	1,566	987	2,286	1,435	1,560	
1951	2,041	1,009	2,749	1,679	1,883	
1952	2,526	1,057	3,096	1,958	2,196	
1953	2,641	1,138	3,223	2,053	2,302	
1954	2,671	1,192	3,218	2,062	2,326	
1955	2,811	1,226	3,237	2,081	2,393	
Quarter—	A	B			A	B
1955—September	2,810	2,854	1,232	3,243	2,081	2,394
December	2,831	2,891	1,238	3,248	2,128	2,413
1956—March ..	2,851	2,926	1,310	3,243	2,137	2,437
June ..	2,922	3,054	1,320	3,248	2,212	2,480
September	2,966	3,244	1,330	3,260	2,273	2,511

(a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of food and groceries and rent, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000.

(b) Indexes in Columns "A" exclude, and those in Columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onion.

(c) Rent.—The rent index numbers shown in the table above and elsewhere in this publication measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Rentals of new tenanted houses completed since the end of the war are not taken into account.

(d) November.

**NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES (a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED.
QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1956.**

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PRICES.

Item.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	d. 14.80	d. 14.80	d. 14.80	d. 15.00	d. 15.00	d. 15.00	d. 17.50	d. 17.50	d. 17.50	d. 16.00	d. 16.00	d. 16.00	d. 16.00	d. 16.00	d. 16.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	13.75	14.56	14.56	13.13	13.25	13.25	11.80	11.80	11.80	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.25	13.25	13.25
" self-raising ..	"	20.45	20.85	20.85	20.86	21.50	21.50	18.90	18.90	18.90	22.30	22.30	22.30	21.60	21.80	21.80
Tea ..	lb.	80.85	80.50	80.50	82.29	82.00	82.00	81.50	81.50	81.50	82.50	82.50	82.50	82.40	82.00	82.00
Sugar ..	"	12.00	10.00	10.00	10.96	10.96	10.96	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.75	10.75	10.75
Rice ..	"	15.65	12.28	21.28	12.75	12.50	12.50	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.80	12.80	12.80
Taploca, seed ..	"	30.90	31.65	32.20	31.00	31.86	32.07	29.30	29.30	29.30	32.40	32.70	32.00	32.00	33.10	33.10
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	20.45	20.45	20.65	22.64	22.64	22.71	22.90	22.90	23.40	23.60	23.70	23.70	22.70	22.80	22.80
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.62	10.62	10.62	9.91	9.91	9.91	11.25	11.25	11.25	10.88	10.88	10.88
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	30.30	30.30	30.30	31.00	32.00	32.00	29.60	29.60	29.60	32.10	32.10	32.20	32.00	31.40	32.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	25.40	25.40	25.40	24.63	24.63	24.63	23.38	23.38	23.63	25.75	25.75	25.75	25.00	24.67	24.67
Currants ..	"	63.30	64.50	64.13	57.67	57.67	57.67	56.38	56.38	56.38	61.00	61.00	61.50	63.00	63.00	63.00
Apricots, dried ..	"	40.90	40.90	40.90	40.79	41.21	41.36	40.60	40.60	41.10	42.30	43.00	43.00	42.40	42.40	42.40
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	43.55	43.55	43.55	43.57	43.86	43.86	41.20	41.20	41.50	45.80	45.80	45.90	43.90	44.20	44.40
Pears, canned ..	"	114.80	119.00	148.40	120.07	134.50	135.33	111.20	113.00	157.13	107.80	123.80	145.60	103.60	121.10	145.25
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	16.10	17.20	20.50	15.14	18.43	20.17	13.20	17.00	24.25	16.25	18.00	21.00	16.00	18.25	22.25
Onions, brown ..	lb.	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.42	18.42	18.42	20.20	20.20	20.20	19.67	19.67	19.67	19.40	19.40	19.40
Soap ..	"	8.25	8.65	8.67	8.40	8.55	8.80	9.83	10.18	10.18	9.73	9.95	10.05	9.78	10.23	10.23
Kerosene ..	quart	54.85	54.70	54.70	54.79	55.00	55.00	56.90	56.90	56.90	55.50	55.50	55.50	54.80	54.80	54.80
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	38.50	38.75	38.75	38.50	38.50	38.88	42.00	42.00	42.00	38.83	38.83	38.83	39.00	39.00	39.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	75.00	75.00	66.00	75.00	75.00	66.43	72.80	66.80	61.60	75.00	75.00	66.40	75.00	75.00	66.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	84.17	86.50	87.94	82.20	84.40	85.60	81.00	82.33	83.33	76.75	81.50	83.00	78.00	79.75	83.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	24.30	24.30	24.30	24.21	24.50	24.50	26.00	26.30	26.30	25.40	25.50	25.70	25.40	25.40	25.60
Milk, condensed ..	tin	"	"	"	"	"	"	19.00	19.00	19.00	21.50	21.50	21.50	"	"	"
" fresh(b) loose ..	quart	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	"	"	"	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
" (b) in ..	"															
" bottles ..	"															
Meat—																
		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	46.00			47.57			44.14			45.50			45.75		
" rib (without bone) ..	"	35.93			36.47			32.57			35.60			37.00		
" steak, rump ..	"	59.53			58.43			57.43			60.60			58.50		
" chuck ..	"	80.70			31.71			34.04			32.00			31.50		
" sausages ..	"	22.80			24.48			22.29			23.00			23.67		
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	35.00			38.71			39.57			37.20			37.50		
" brisket ..	"	24.30			25.43			32.62			29.80			30.25		
Mutton, leg ..	"	27.00			28.62			29.33			26.67			28.00		
" forequarter ..	"	19.45			16.81			19.00			19.67			17.50		
" loin ..	"	29.37			25.81			34.57			28.00			30.00		
" chops, loin ..	"	29.53			26.62			38.29			28.00			30.00		
" leg ..	"	31.20			27.34			35.43			28.00			30.00		
Pork, leg ..	"	61.57			62.23			59.14			54.00			63.33		
" loin ..	"	62.07			61.86			59.14			53.25			54.44		
" chops ..	"	62.27			61.86			59.14			54.75			55.78		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

**VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED :
QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1956.**

Item.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread(b)	2 lb.	15.00	15.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.50	15.50	15.50	16.00	16.50	16.50	17.50
Flour, ordinary	"	11.00	11.00	11.22	11.60	11.60	12.20	11.50	11.70	11.50	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.40	11.60	11.80
" self-raising	"	18.95	18.95	19.40	20.00	20.00	20.50	20.00	20.20	20.58	19.50	19.50	20.00	20.90	21.10	21.70
Tea	lb.	81.35	81.35	81.35	83.00	82.90	82.90	82.30	82.20	82.50	81.63	81.63	81.63	83.88	83.88	83.88
Sugar	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.47	10.47	10.47	10.64	10.64	10.64	10.13	10.13	10.13	10.83	10.83	10.83
Rice	"	11.80	11.80	11.80	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.58	12.58	12.58	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.70	13.70	13.70
Taploca, seed	"	14.93	14.93	18.13	14.60	17.10	18.25	15.10	17.40	19.33	15.13	15.63	16.63	15.70	16.75	20.50
Jam, p um	1½ lb.	27.20	27.20	27.20	27.40	27.40	27.60	27.17	26.60	26.90	27.63	27.63	27.63	28.80	28.90	28.90
Golden Syrup	2 lb.	20.60	20.60	20.60	22.20	22.20	22.30	22.50	22.50	22.58	21.50	21.50	21.50	23.10	24.00	24.00
Oats, flaked	lb.	8.83	8.50	8.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.40	10.30	10.21	9.25	9.25	9.25	10.90	10.90	10.50
Raisins, seeded	"	27.50	27.50	27.50	28.30	28.30	28.20	29.17	29.17	29.17	28.75	28.75	28.75	30.40	30.10	30.10
Currants	"	23.50	23.50	23.50	24.00	24.50	24.50	24.45	24.45	24.45	25.22	25.22	25.22	25.25	25.25	25.75
Apricots, dried	"	57.50	57.50	57.50	56.33	56.33	56.33	59.00	58.33	58.00	58.50	58.50	58.50	60.10	60.10	60.10
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	35.75	35.75	35.90	35.30	35.30	35.30	35.80	35.80	35.83	35.00	35.00	35.00	37.90	38.20	38.20
Pears, canned	"	37.60	37.60	37.65	37.00	37.30	37.50	37.08	37.08	37.42	36.38	36.38	36.38	39.70	40.20	40.20
Potatoes	7 lb.	106.63	126.22	155.53	103.60	116.20	149.80	110.60	124.60	151.67	104.13	118.13	146.13	95.20	103.50	141.75
Onions, brown	lb.	14.40	16.25	23.67	13.40	16.00	20.80	15.00	18.20	22.00	12.50	15.25	19.88	12.20	14.80	18.00
Soap	"	18.04	18.04	18.04	18.63	18.63	18.63	18.62	18.62	18.68	17.97	17.97	17.97	19.24	19.24	19.24
Kerosene	quart	8.22	8.60	8.60	8.98	9.10	9.50	8.98	9.41	9.78	8.47	8.57	8.72	9.75	9.75	10.05
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	54.70	54.85	54.85	55.50	55.50	55.50	53.50	53.50	53.50	55.25	55.25	55.25	55.50	55.50	55.50
Cheese, mild	"	39.00	39.00	39.17	39.33	41.17	41.17	41.67	41.67	41.67	38.83	39.33	39.33	40.33	40.17	40.17
Eggs, new laid	doz.	75.00	65.00	65.00	75.00	65.00	65.00	75.00	65.60	65.50	75.00	65.00	65.00	75.20	65.00	65.00
Bacon, rashers	lb.	84.00	85.33	85.33	81.00	83.60	84.00	78.00	79.67	83.00	80.25	82.00	82.50	82.20	83.80	83.80
Milk, condensed	tin	22.80	23.00	23.15	24.10	24.50	24.60	23.00	23.20	23.83	22.75	23.13	23.13	24.70	24.70	24.70
" fresh(b) loose	quart	"	"	"	"	"	"	17.00	17.00	18.00	17.00	17.50	17.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
" (b) in bottles	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.00	18.00	19.00	18.00	18.50	18.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
Meat—		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Beef, sirloin	lb.	42.30			41.20			40.71			38.60			42.40		
" rib (without bone)	"	41.73			39.00			42.14			40.42			42.75		
" steak, rump	"	59.97			59.17			57.29			58.20			58.80		
" chuck	"	35.43			36.00			34.86			34.27			36.00		
" sausages	"	24.33			24.78			23.86			23.60			24.20		
Beef (corned) silver-side	"	40.83			41.56			40.29			42.40			41.40		
" brisket	"	29.30			32.72			32.71			32.07			30.40		
Mutton, leg	"	28.81			31.67			30.80			30.07			37.20		
" forequarter	"	18.61			17.78			18.47			17.40			24.60		
" loin	"	27.53			29.00			29.00			30.47			34.00		
" chops, loin	"	23.53			31.67			30.60			31.07			36.00		
" leg	"	30.05			32.11			29.73			30.87			37.50		
Pork, leg	"	63.52			59.50			56.40			61.20			57.50		
" loin	"	64.29			60.50			61.60			61.60			58.50		
" chops	"	63.47			62.00			61.80			62.13			59.00		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES (a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED :
QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1956

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Item.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread (b) ..	2 lb.	13.50	14.00	14.00	13.50	13.50	14.00	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.50	14.00	14.00	14.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	9.45	9.50	9.50	9.36	9.36	9.36	11.29	11.29	11.29	12.10	12.10	12.10	10.10	10.10	10.10
Tea .. self-raising ..	"	17.55	17.55	17.55	19.43	19.43	19.43	20.36	20.36	20.36	20.70	20.70	20.80	20.10	20.10	20.10
Sugar ..	lb.	77.85	77.80	77.80	78.36	77.71	77.71	80.71	79.00	79.14	81.90	80.70	80.70	81.20	79.60	79.60
Rice ..	"	9.97	9.97	9.97	10.34	10.36	10.36	10.29	10.29	10.29	11.40	11.40	11.50	9.97	9.97	9.97
Tapioca, seed ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.57	12.57	12.57	12.79	12.79	12.79	12.90	12.90	12.90	12.80	12.80	12.80
Jam, plum ..	1 1/2 lb.	27.75	27.85	27.95	29.36	29.36	29.36	27.71	27.71	27.71	29.75	29.80	29.80	29.10	29.10	29.50
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	19.00	19.00	19.00	20.79	21.00	21.00	22.07	22.00	22.21	24.10	24.10	24.30	19.30	19.30	19.30
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	10.88	10.88	10.88	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.88	11.88	11.88	10.37	10.37	10.37	11.50	11.50	11.50
Raisins, seeded ..	"	26.05	26.05	26.30	27.57	27.57	27.64	26.42	26.42	27.00	27.38	27.13	27.25	29.60	29.50	29.50
Currants ..	"	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.25	23.25	23.25	25.25	25.38	25.25	25.38	25.38	25.63	23.67	23.67	23.67
Apricots, dried ..	"	56.50	56.50	56.50	55.00	55.00	55.00	54.80	54.80	54.80	56.25	56.25	56.25	57.50	57.50	57.50
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	38.55	38.55	38.55	38.61	38.79	38.79	40.00	39.50	39.57	40.00	39.80	40.50	39.70	39.70	39.70
Pears, canned ..	"	40.15	40.30	40.80	39.50	39.50	39.50	40.25	41.00	41.00	39.90	39.80	40.20	41.50	41.60	41.60
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	102.20	112.75	132.45	94.00	103.00	128.71	92.50	111.00	122.00	97.80	110.00	120.75	96.00	109.20	131.80
Onions, brown ..	lb.	15.35	16.05	16.55	13.14	16.43	17.00	12.86	16.79	17.17	13.40	17.00	18.20	13.80	16.80	18.20
Soap ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.19	18.19	18.24	17.90	18.00	17.90	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.13	18.13	18.13
Kerosene ..	quart	8.37	8.37	8.37	9.08	9.08	9.17	10.31	10.31	10.34	9.27	9.27	9.27	10.60	10.60	10.90
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	54.10	54.10	54.10	53.50	53.50	53.50	53.64	53.57	53.57	55.90	55.30	55.30	54.10	54.10	54.10
Cheese, mild ..	"	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	34.86	34.86	38.57	37.21	37.07	40.30	40.30	40.90	35.30	36.40	36.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	58.60	58.60	58.50	54.00	31.50	30.50	63.14	56.71	55.86	75.75	63.25	65.25	59.20	53.80	48.40
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	74.00	76.06	77.56	68.29	70.64	71.50	71.71	74.14	74.79	64.63	69.50	69.50	70.10	73.70	74.50
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.75	24.20	24.20	23.79	23.86	23.86	24.14	24.29	24.64	24.10	24.20	24.20	24.00	24.40	24.70
fresh (b) loose ..	quart	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" (b) in bottles ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Meat—		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	31.84			34.96			27.86			30.33			30.20		
" rib (without bone) ..	"	26.30			29.21			22.33			24.33			24.00		
" steak, rump ..	"	39.50			42.42			36.00			36.33			39.00		
" chuck ..	"	19.78			22.46			19.33			19.33			18.27		
" sausages ..	"	18.80			20.00			17.33			19.33			17.27		
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	28.50			32.40			26.00			26.33			28.00		
" brisket ..	"	20.78			23.46			19.19			19.47			19.20		
Mutton, leg ..	"	22.55			26.63			24.00			26.00			25.00		
" forequarter ..	"	13.11			15.29			14.00			16.40			16.17		
" loin ..	"	20.09			23.10			19.00			22.42			21.33		
" chops, loin ..	"	22.55			25.96			23.00			25.00			24.00		
" " leg ..	"	22.55			24.96			22.14			25.20			24.13		
Pork, leg ..	"	54.67			51.33			48.24			51.60			43.20		
" loin ..	"	53.57			51.33			48.24			48.75			40.60		
" chops ..	"	53.57			51.38			48.24			47.40			43.00		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

Prices.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1956.

Item.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PIKE.			MOUNT GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	14.00	14.00	14.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	c14.00	c14.00	c14.00
Four, ordinary ..	"	9.55	9.55	9.55	9.64	9.64	9.64	9.86	9.86	9.86	9.63	9.63	9.63	10.50	10.38	10.38
" self-raising ..	"	15.90	15.90	15.85	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.86	17.86	17.86	16.90	16.90	16.90	18.38	18.38	18.38
Tea ..	lb.	78.00	78.00	78.00	78.57	78.57	78.57	78.93	78.93	78.93	79.60	79.60	79.60	79.00	79.00	79.00
Sugar ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.46	10.46	10.46	10.50	10.50	10.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.50	10.50	10.50
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.71	12.71	12.71	12.93	12.93	12.93	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.00	13.00	13.00
Tapioca, seed ..	"	12.50	12.50	12.50	13.07	13.07	13.07	13.83	13.83	13.83	13.70	13.70	13.70	13.75	13.75	13.75
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.50	29.43	29.93	28.86	29.36	29.71	29.70	30.20	30.80	29.38	30.63	30.63
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	20.10	20.10	20.10	21.43	21.43	21.43	21.29	21.60	21.57	22.30	22.30	22.30	2.00	22.00	22.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.42	9.42	9.42	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.83	9.83	9.83	10.28	10.28	10.28
Raisins, seeded ..	"	28.50	28.50	28.50	29.36	29.36	29.36	29.50	29.57	29.57	30.00	30.00	30.00	29.63	29.63	29.63
Currents ..	"	24.70	24.70	24.70	25.00	25.14	25.14	25.20	25.20	25.30	26.00	26.00	25.88	25.50	25.50	25.50
Apricots, dried ..	"	58.50	58.50	58.50	59.00	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	60.88	60.88	60.88	58.75	58.75	58.75
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	40.40	40.40	40.40	41.79	41.79	41.79	41.79	41.79	41.71	40.70	40.50	41.10	42.13	42.13	42.13
Pears, canned ..	"	40.50	40.50	40.50	41.79	41.79	41.79	41.93	41.93	41.86	41.10	41.10	41.50	42.13	42.13	42.13
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	84.88	98.44	147.88	91.00	105.00	168.00	90.29	104.57	156.00	84.00	100.33	143.50	91.00	105.00	157.73
Onions, brown ..	lb.	11.60	15.67	25.50	14.00	20.00	26.00	12.29	16.00	25.71	9.50	15.00	24.00	11.00	16.00	28.00
Soap ..	"	18.33	18.33	18.33	19.10	19.10	19.05	18.52	18.52	18.52	18.80	18.80	18.80	19.25	19.25	19.25
Kerosene ..	quart	7.75	7.75	7.75	8.29	8.29	8.29	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.79	8.79	8.79	8.78	8.78	8.78
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	54.50	54.50	54.50	55.29	55.43	55.43	55.50	55.50	55.50	54.50	54.50	54.50	54.50	54.50	54.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	35.17	35.11	35.11	35.93	35.93	35.93	36.00	36.00	36.00	34.63	34.63	34.63	35.75	36.25	36.25
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	60.75	60.75	60.75	56.00	50.00	41.33	56.00	49.00	42.60	57.00	52.33	36.20	56.00	50.25	42.63
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	73.90	76.70	75.00	75.00	75.43	76.14	75.50	77.25	77.00	75.00	78.00	75.70	75.00	76.67	75.67
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.35	23.50	23.35	24.07	24.07	24.07	24.14	24.14	24.14	24.20	24.20	24.20	24.25	24.25	24.25
" fresh(b) loose ..	quart	16.50	16.50	16.50	18.00	18.00	18.00	..	..	..	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.50	17.50	17.50
" (b) in ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	..	..	..	19.00	19.00	19.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	..	..	..
" bottles ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	..	..	..	19.00	19.00	19.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	..	..	..
Quarterly Average.		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	31.60			31.14			32.50			34.40			33.50		
" rib (without bone) ..	"	34.60			34.29			36.07			38.40			37.50		
" steak, rump ..	"	51.40			51.00			52.00			54.20			52.50		
" chuck ..	"	30.00			30.00			31.57			31.00			30.50		
" sausages ..	"	18.00			18.00			18.95			18.80			19.00		
" (corned) silver-side ..	"	36.20			36.00			36.95			38.53			38.00		
" brisket ..	"	29.90			29.43			30.14			29.87			30.00		
" Mutton, leg ..	"	25.23			23.43			24.34			27.20			25.00		
" forequarter ..	"	14.28			13.57			14.00			16.60			13.50		
" loin ..	"	23.83			23.43			24.29			23.20			24.50		
" chops, loin ..	"	25.63			24.00			25.48			29.00			25.00		
" leg ..	"	26.08			24.00			25.48			29.38			25.50		
Pork, leg ..	"	59.57			49.62			54.06			53.73			49.80		
" loin ..	"	59.73			49.62			52.56			56.33			46.50		
" chops ..	"	59.93			50.91			55.44			57.87			51.00		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

(c) Not delivered.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1956.

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Item.	Unit.	PERTH.			KALGOORLIE.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ^(b)	2 lb.	15.00	15.00	15.50	(c)14.00	(c)14.50	(c)15 00	15.00	15.50	16.00	15.00	15.50	16.00	15.00	15.50	16.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	13.70	13.70	13.70	15.67	15.67	15.67	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.70	13.70	13.90	13.80	13.80	13.80
" self-raising ..	"	19.25	19.20	19.40	22.58	22.58	22.67	20.88	20.88	20.88	20.70	20.70	20.80	22.20	21.60	21.80
Tea ..	1 lb.	82.30	82.30	82.30	87.08	87.08	87.03	83.25	83.25	83.25	85.00	84.60	84.60	85.20	84.60	84.60
Sugar ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.35	11.35	11.35	10.54	10.54	10.54	10.73	10.73	10.73	10.75	10.73	10.73
Rice ..	"	11.75	11.75	11.75	14.00	14.00	14.00	11.38	11.63	12.13	13.00	13.00	12.80	13.38	13.25	13.38
Tapioca, seed ..	"	17.50	18.00	18.00	20.17	20.67	20.67	20.50	20.50	20.50	18.67	18.67	18.67	17.88	17.88	19.13
Jam, plum ..	14 lb.	34.10	34.80	34.60	35.42	36.58	36.58	34.67	34.67	34.67	34.38	34.38	34.75	36.60	37.10	37.20
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	21.60	21.65	21.50	25.33	25.33	25.33	23.00	25.75	22.75	23.20	23.30	23.30	24.50	25.00	25.00
Oats, flaked ..	1 lb.	9.71	9.07	9.14	12.50	12.50	12.50	10.00	9.88	10.25	11.17	11.17	11.17	12.33	12.33	12.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	30.17	30.08	30.00	33.10	33.10	33.10	30.67	30.67	30.67	33.00	33.00	33.00	31.60	31.83	31.67
Currants ..	"	24.40	24.50	24.50	27.17	27.17	27.17	23.33	23.00	23.00	24.50	25.10	25.10	26.90	26.88	26.88
Apricots, dried ..	"	60.29	60.80	60.80	62.63	62.63	62.63	61.00	61.00	61.00	62.00	62.00	62.00	63.67	63.50	63.33
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	40.30	41.35	41.75	48.75	48.75	49.08	40.63	41.63	41.63	42.63	42.63	43.10	45.40	45.40	45.60
Pears, canned ..	"	41.80	41.95	42.20	49.42	49.42	49.42	41.63	42.13	42.13	44.88	44.88	44.90	46.10	46.10	46.30
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	37.00	37.00	37.00	39.92	39.92	39.92	38.00	38.00	38.00	37.00	37.00	37.00	39.00	39.00	39.00
Onions, brown ..	1 lb.	13.94	19.86	26.17	12.83	18.00	20.00	14.00	20.33	27.50	13.75	19.67	29.00	14.75	20.00	28.00
Soap ..	"	19.26	19.26	19.26	20.67	20.67	20.67	19.92	19.92	19.92	19.66	19.66	19.66	19.60	19.60	19.47
Kerosene ..	quart	13.05	13.17	13.36	16.32	16.32	16.20	14.64	14.64	14.83	14.77	15.09	15.09	15.91	15.99	15.99
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	1 lb.	54.70	54.70	54.70	58.00	58.00	58.00	54.25	54.25	54.75	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.80	56.40	56.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	44.00	44.64	44.67	46.50	46.80	47.00	44.25	43.75	43.75	44.10	44.10	44.80	46.70	46.70	46.70
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	66.90	60.00	59.00	73.83	66.50	60.67	67.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.80	60.00	60.00
Bacon, rashers ..	1 lb.	77.14	77.14	81.43	79.83	80.00	81.75	78.00	79.50	82.50	77.50	77.50	80.88	79.20	79.20	81.30
Milk, condensed ..	tin	22.85	23.30	23.40	25.42	26.08	26.00	23.50	23.63	23.63	24.30	24.40	24.40	25.10	25.10	25.20
" fresh ^(b) loose ..	quart	"	"	"	22.25	22.25	24.00	18.00	18.00	19.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	20.00	20.00	21.00
" (b) in bottles ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	24.00	24.00	25.00	19.00	19.00	20.00	18.00	18.00	19.00	24.00	24.00	26.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	1 lb.		40.89			36.57			40.67			40.87			43.33	
" rib (without bone) ..	"		41.92			40.00			42.00			41.43			42.00	
" steak, rump ..	"		57.03			54.43			56.89			54.00			51.00	
" chuck ..	"		36.63			35.71			38.67			38.00			38.00	
" sausages ..	"		23.08			26.57			25.00			26.47			24.00	
" (corned) silver-side ..	"		39.33			36.52			40.00			39.47			42.00	
" brisket ..	"		30.83			30.00			32.67			32.00			35.00	
Mutton, leg ..	"		30.50			31.71			30.67			33.80			30.89	
" forequarter ..	"		20.04			20.43			19.33			20.87			20.00	
" loin ..	"		29.63			29.29			29.67			28.53			27.00	
" chops, loin ..	"		29.87			30.00			30.00			29.73			27.89	
" leg ..	"		29.87			30.00			30.67			29.73			29.56	
Pork, leg ..	"		60.92			59.57			56.67			58.07			61.00	
" loin ..	"		61.27			59.57			54.67			54.67			61.00	
" chops ..	"		61.50			59.57			55.67			54.93			61.00	

PRICES.

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives,

(b) Delivered.

(c) Not delivered.

**TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED:
QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1956.**

Item.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.86	12.00	12.00	12.80	12.80	13.00	12.60	12.60	12.60	13.00	13.00	13.00
" self-raising ..	"	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.79	20.79	20.79	21.90	21.90	22.00	21.60	21.60	21.60	21.50	21.50	21.50
Tea ..	lb.	86.45	86.45	86.45	86.50	86.43	86.43	86.50	86.50	86.50	86.50	86.50	86.50	87.00	87.00	87.00
Sugar ..	"	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.55	10.55	10.55	10.75	10.75	10.75
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.50
Tapicoa, seed ..	"	17.00	17.80	19.61	16.83	16.83	18.80	17.20	18.10	19.10	16.50	17.00	18.50	17.67	17.67	21.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	32.15	33.40	33.45	32.43	33.07	33.07	32.90	33.90	34.20	32.40	32.70	33.00	33.33	33.83	35.17
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	22.95	22.95	22.95	22.86	22.71	22.71	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.20	23.20	23.33	23.33	24.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.20	11.20	11.20	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.88	11.88	11.88
Raisins, seeded ..	"	30.80	30.00	30.00	30.14	30.14	30.14	31.00	31.00	31.10	30.60	30.70	30.10	32.83	32.83	32.83
Currants ..	"	27.06	27.06	27.06	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.75	27.75	27.75	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
Apricots, dried ..	"	60.29	60.43	60.43	62.00	62.00	60.50	62.00	62.00	62.00	60.50	60.50	60.50	59.00	59.00	59.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	42.60	42.70	43.00	43.43	42.29	43.79	43.40	43.00	43.00	42.50	42.40	42.70	43.67	43.67	43.67
Pears, canned ..	"	45.15	45.15	45.05	45.29	45.29	45.4	45.60	45.90	45.90	44.50	44.80	44.80	49.50	49.50	51.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	56.29	53.00	102.00	84.00	88.00	120.00	86.80	98.40	126.00	85.75	98.00	102.67	93.00	99.67	131.33
Onions, brown ..	lb.	14.50	21.14	24.29	15.00	17.75	20.00	13.80	20.00	27.00	13.20	16.33	19.50	15.06	21.83	29.47
Soap ..	lb.	18.26	18.26	18.26	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.40	18.40	18.40	18.67	18.67	18.67
Kerosene ..	quart	13.78	13.78	13.83	13.15	13.15	13.32	14.15	14.11	14.39	13.95	13.95	13.95	12.75	12.75	12.75
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	56.30	56.30	56.30	55.29	54.93	54.93	56.50	56.50	56.50	56.10	56.10	56.10	55.50	55.50	55.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	40.11	40.11	40.11	38.79	38.79	38.79	39.23	39.23	39.23	39.67	39.67	39.67	40.55	40.55	40.55
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	72.08	71.89	54.50	71.79	71.79	54.36	71.90	71.90	54.90	71.75	71.75	54.75	73.50	73.50	57.83
Bacon, new-hers ..	lb.	76.80	76.80	77.10	74.43	75.00	75.00	76.20	76.20	74.90	75.40	74.80	74.90	79.00	79.00	79.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	24.30	24.40	24.40	24.36	24.43	24.43	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.70	24.70	24.70	25.00	25.00	25.00
" fresh(b) loose ..	quart	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	..	..	..
" (b) in ..	"															
" bottles ..	"	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	27.00	27.00	27.00
		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.		40.47			38.67			40.75			39.00			41.33	
" rib (without ..	"															
" bone) ..	"		39.50			37.33			40.50			38.40			41.56	
" steak, rump ..	"		58.13			55.38			54.00			52.60			57.55	
" chuck ..	"		32.57			33.67			33.50			31.60			33.33	
" sausages ..	"		23.50			22.67			23.50			25.25			23.67	
" (corned) silver- ..	"															
side ..	"		40.70			37.09			40.75			39.60			42.66	
" brisket ..	"		29.40			25.05			31.50			31.20			34.55	
Mutton, leg ..	"		30.71			28.67			27.50			23.71			29.00	
" forequarter ..	"		16.04			15.00			16.11			15.44			23.00	
" loin ..	"		23.13			20.33			24.83			24.67			27.00	
" chops, loin ..	"		24.17			21.40			25.83			25.23			27.00	
" leg ..	"		29.08			24.80			26.23			28.34			27.00	
Pork, leg ..	"		57.93			51.48			49.50			47.15			54.33	
" loin ..	"		58.03			51.62			49.50			47.95			54.33	
" chops ..	"		58.13			52.48			49.50			47.30			54.33	

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used in this index have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally produced building materials and one or two minor commodities however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco. (b)	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (b)	Goods principally Home Produced. (b)	Total All Groups. (b)
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98	99
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	102	101	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100	100
1939-40 ..	105	115	104	107	116	108	109	99	111	101	104
1940-41 ..	107	137	111	124	126	128	122	107	133	106	114
1941-42 ..	117	151	118	137	135	135	133	116	153	112	124
1942-43 ..	129	167	147	142	138	163	149	126	176	120	136
1943-44 ..	131	170	150	143	140	174	153	129	182	122	140
1944-45 ..	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	132	182	124	141
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	136	178	127	142
1946-47 ...	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	139	177	130	144
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	154	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	174	201	172	180
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	196	223	196	204
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	229	256	240	244
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	293	379	321	276	288	300	297
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	293	292	331	319
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	308	271	339	319
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	315	277	340	322
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	325	292	352	334
1954-55—											
July ..	384	217	569	313	183	358	327	312	266	340	318
August ..	384	216	529	313	205	358	325	312	267	339	318
September ..	385	216	527	313	232	365	327	315	271	341	320
October ..	385	211	505	313	240	365	325	311	269	338	317
November ..	393	211	491	314	240	365	327	312	277	336	319
December ..	393	212	507	315	225	365	328	311	277	336	319
January ..	394	215	501	315	237	365	329	310	279	336	319
February ..	395	215	505	315	257	373	332	315	281	340	323
March ..	396	214	507	315	264	381	334	319	282	345	326
April ..	397	214	496	315	271	387	335	316	283	342	324
May ..	396	214	497	315	294	389	337	319	283	345	327
June ..	396	214	485	315	306	398	338	323	287	348	330
1955-56—											
July ..	397	214	486	315	307	398	338	329	281	355	333
August ..	397	215	452	315	323	398	337	328	282	353	332
September ..	405	215	441	315	333	398	340	327	290	351	333
October ..	405	215	441	315	336	398	340	324	289	350	332
November ..	404	216	437	317	347	407	342	320	291	346	330
December ..	404	216	447	317	342	407	342	319	291	346	329
January ..	405	216	453	317	370	407	343	320	288	348	330
February ..	405	216	453	317	325	408	343	318	288	346	329
March ..	405	230	446	317	323	425	350	328	299	354	338
April ..	403	230	456	318	326	442	353	328	303	355	339
May ..	410	231	477	317	322	444	357	333	304	361	344
June ..	409	231	482	318	326	444	357	325	299	358	341
1956-57—											
July ..	410	232	461	344	314	444	358	330	301	360	343
August ..	409	240	481	344	315	445	362	329	303	361	344
September ..	411	241	513	344	312	467	363	329	309	363	347

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in price of all imports. (b) Reconstructed to exclude potatoes and onions as from base period.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual indexes shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the indexes therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, &c., of products marketed. The indexes for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The indexes shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary indexes for 1955-56 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agri- culture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products, other than Wool.
1936-37	114	115	93	109	126	104
1937-38	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938-39	88	87	105	92	79	96
1945-46	174	133	159	157	118	169
1946-47	194	182	157	185	187	185
1947-48	267	263	183	247	301	230
1948-49	234	313	197	260	366	225
1949-50	272	396	228	316	483	261
1950-51	291	818	258	505	1,098	308
1951-52	355	501	332	410	552	363
1952-53	364	531	387	440	623	379
1953-54	324	534	395	429	621	365
1954-55	316	489	371	401	540	355
1955-56(a)	322	442	385	388	468	362

(a) Preliminary estimate.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. The index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity.

RECENT TRENDS.

Reference to the group indexes shows the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 45.63 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effects which movements in prices of the other components have on the All Groups Index. For purposes of comparison the combined effect of price movements in these other components is shown separately in the column "All Groups excluding Wool".

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold. (e)	All Groups.		
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	Ex- clud- ing Wool.	Total All Groups.
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate	45.63 49.05	17.06 18.34	11.36 12.21	6.83 7.34	6.63 7.13	2.40 2.58	1.81 1.94	0.64 0.69	0.66 0.72	6.98 7.22	100.00 100.00	100.00 100.00	100.00 100.00
1936-37 ..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	108	115
1937-38 ..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	105	102
1938-39 ..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	87	83
1948-49 ..	365	413	233	478	171	343	162	499	421	122	348	305	332
1949-50 ..	473	400	250	421	196	369	176	400	479	164	399	308	383
1950-51 ..	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690	365	654
1951-52 ..	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495	397	473
1952-53 ..	616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505	371	483
1953-54 ..	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	356	474
1954-55 ..	538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	342	431
1955-56 ..	464 (j)	324	320	562 (j)	355	451	286	353	238	178 (j)	414 (j)	342 (j)	397 (j)
1954-55—													
October ..	536	356	313	524	340	468	260	350	216	178	450	344	431
November ..	513	358	313	518	340	468	261	350	204	179	439	343	421
December ..	532	359	313	512	384	468	263	350	197	178	451	348	432
January ..	520	360	313	516	367	430	266	350	200	178	444	345	425
February ..	528	356	313	522	346	430	267	350	200	178	446	342	427
March ..	528	356	313	523	329	430	270	350	212	178	446	341	426
April ..	520	354	313	525	324	434	271	350	223	178	441	340	422
May ..	520	354	313	520	332	434	268	345	216	178	441	340	422
June ..	505	355	313	528	343	434	279	342	212	178	435	343	417
1955-56—													
July ..	(i) 505	352	313	538	350	468	266	342	225	178	437	347	419
August ..	453	351	313	538	365	468	266	341	234	178	411	347	395
September ..	437	334	313	545	398	468	278	344	235	178	404	347	388
October ..	437	329	337	543	408	454	282	351	238	178	406	351	390
November ..	437	323	364	549	383	454	284	366	227	178	407	352	391
December ..	453	315	368	575 (j)	364	454	283	365	232	178 (j)	414 (j)	352 (j)	398 (j)
January ..	460	313	361	590 (j)	348	441	285	356	239	178 (j)	416 (j)	349 (j)	400 (j)
February ..	460	311	328	592 (j)	331	441	288	364	240	178 (j)	411 (j)	340 (j)	395 (j)
March ..	453	312	304	592 (j)	322	441	292	364	247	178 (j)	404 (j)	334 (j)	388 (j)
April ..	468	310	273	579 (j)	317	441	293	354	248	178 (j)	406 (j)	325 (j)	390 (j)
May ..	498 (j)	316	265	556 (j)	324	441	302	344	241	178 (j)	42 (j)	324 (j)	403 (j)
June ..	(i) 505 (j)	317	299	548 (j)	335	441	317	347	252	178 (j)	428 (j)	332 (j)	411 (j)
1956-57—													
July ..	490 (j)	323	272	549 (j)	343 (j)	438 (j)	320 (j)	355	250	178 (j)	419 (j)	329 (j)	403 (j)
August ..	520 (j)	326	261	558 (j)	347 (j)	438 (j)	319 (j)	352	244	178 (j)	434 (j)	329 (j)	416 (j)
September ..	566 (j)	326	284	562 (j)	348 (j)	438 (j)	319 (j)	360	243	178 (j)	460 (j)	335 (j)	440 (j)

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative. (c) Sultanas, lexias, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Where Australian gold has been sold on the overseas premium markets such price has been used in the index. (f) For All Groups (T total)—applicable from 1936-37. (g) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37.

(h) For All Groups (excluding Wool)—applicable from 1936-37. (i) Nominal. (j) Preliminary.

NOTE.—The index numbers above indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. The impact of the price movements on current sales is indicated more directly by the Export Price Index (Changing Weights), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*. In computing this index, the "quantity-multipliers" are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate.

Section XII.—Miscellaneous.

COMPARATIVE INDEX NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(Base of each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1911 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.				Retail Price Index Numbers.					Nominal Wage Rates, Adult Males.	Real Wage Rates. (c)
				Food and Grocer- ies.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	Total "C" Series Retail Price Index.		
Year—										
1911	..	..	..	1,000	1,000	(d)1,000	(d)1,000	(d)1,000	1,000	1,000
1914	..	..	..	1,144	1,082	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948
1921	..	..	..	1,902	1,410	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087
1928	..	..	..	1,761	1,743	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172
1932	..	..	..	1,425	1,336	1,215	1,458	1,377	1,639	1,190
1938	..	..	..	1,584	1,540	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209
1939	..	..	..	1,657	1,577	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,210
1946	..	..	..	1,852	1,596	2,276	1,776	1,900	2,400	1,263
1947	..	..	..	1,967	1,597	2,367	1,825	1,971	2,598	1,318
1948	..	..	..	2,245	1,601	2,637	1,913	2,148	2,914	1,357
1949	..	..	..	2,492	1,605	3,019	2,037	2,349	3,210	1,367
1950	..	..	..	2,800	1,613	3,455	2,184	2,589	3,596	1,389
1951	..	..	..	3,649	1,649	4,156	2,555	3,124	4,495	1,439
1952	..	..	..	4,516	1,728	4,657	2,980	3,645	5,241	1,438
1953	..	..	..	4,723	1,861	4,872	3,126	3,820	5,539	1,450
1954	..	..	..	4,776	1,949	4,865	3,139	3,860	5,639	1,459
1955	..	..	..	5,027	2,005	4,894	3,168	3,970	5,773	1,454
Quarter—										
September	..	1939.	..	1,645	1,582	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220
December	..	..	..	1,657	1,584	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210
March	..	1949.	..	2,433	1,603	2,795	1,985	2,263	3,099	1,369
June	..	..	..	2,482	1,604	2,968	2,017	2,328	3,182	1,367
September	..	..	..	2,497	1,606	3,089	2,047	2,370	3,249	1,371
December	..	..	..	2,555	1,608	3,223	2,098	2,433	3,310	1,360
March	..	1950.	..	2,633	1,609	3,259	2,134	2,474	3,372	1,363
June	..	..	..	2,718	1,611	3,418	2,151	2,546	3,458	1,358
September	..	..	..	2,828	1,614	3,501	2,180	2,609	3,545	1,359
December	..	..	..	3,020	1,618	3,643	2,271	2,726	4,009	1,471
March	..	1951.	..	3,201	1,641	3,760	2,381	2,843	4,142	1,457
June	..	..	..	3,443	1,646	4,151	2,498	3,012	4,387	1,442
September	..	..	..	3,819	1,651	4,283	2,611	3,224	4,601	1,427
December	..	..	..	4,133	1,656	4,429	2,731	3,388	4,850	1,432
March	..	1952.	..	4,298	1,672	4,523	2,783	3,481	5,036	1,447
June	..	..	..	4,589	1,702	4,685	2,967	3,661	5,156	1,408
September	..	..	..	4,633	1,750	4,709	3,072	3,714	5,345	1,439
December	..	..	..	4,544	1,789	4,712	3,098	3,722	5,428	1,458
March	..	1953.	..	4,599	1,835	4,838	3,118	3,763	5,443	1,446
June	..	..	..	4,658	1,857	4,906	3,122	3,805	5,512	1,449
September	..	..	..	4,804	1,870	4,880	3,127	3,851	5,591	1,452
December	..	..	..	4,831	1,882	4,863	3,136	3,861	5,611	1,453
March	..	1954.	..	4,798	1,900	4,880	3,151	3,861	5,622	1,456
June	..	..	..	4,774	1,947	4,856	3,137	3,856	5,624	1,459
September	..	..	..	4,746	1,970	4,853	3,133	3,851	5,623	1,460
December	..	..	..	4,787	1,977	4,870	3,136	3,871	5,658	1,462
March	..	1955.	..	4,882	1,983	4,865	3,115	3,898	5,720	1,467
June	..	..	..	4,952	1,997	4,898	3,151	3,941	5,746	1,457
September	..	..	..	5,103	2,014	4,913	3,168	4,001	5,774	1,443
December	..	..	..	5,169	2,025	4,910	3,239	4,041	5,853	1,448
March	..	1956.	..	5,232	2,142	4,903	3,253	4,090	5,900	1,443
June	..	..	..	5,461	2,158	4,910	3,367	4,195	6,019	1,435

(a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of food and groceries and rent, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000. (b) See note (c) on page 107. (c) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (d) Taken back from true base November, 1914 = 1,000 by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

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NOTE.—(1) In most cases where figures are available back to 1861, these were shown in the September, 1953 issue of the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*, pages 112 and 113.

(2) Most of the statistics in this summary relate to the periods shown in the table headings. In those comparatively few cases where the statistics relate to other periods, this is indicated in footnotes.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1956.
DEMOGRAPHY(a) —								
Population(b) { '000 Males ..	1,737	2,005	2,382	2,799	3,333	3,599	4,311	4,715
'000 Females ..	1,504	1,820	2,192	2,712	3,220	3,545	4,217	4,598
'000 Persons ..	3,241	3,825	4,574	5,511	6,553	7,144	8,528	9,313
Net Oversea Migration '000	26.9	3.0	74.4	17.5	-10.1	5.2	111.4	97.3
Marriages .. { Rate(c)	24	28	39	47	39	75	77	72
Divorces(d) and Judicial Separations .. { Rate(c)	7.5	7.3	8.8	8.6	6.0	10.6	9.2	7.8
Births .. { '000	190	399	522	1,502	1,955	3,330	7,327	6,782
Rate(c)	110	103	122	136	119	135	193	208
Deaths .. { '000	34.5	27.2	27.2	25.0	18.2	18.9	22.9	22.6
Rate(c)	47	46	48	54	57	71	82	82
Infant Deaths .. { '000	14.8	12.2	10.7	9.9	8.7	10.0	9.7	8.9
Rate(e)	12.7	10.7	8.4	9.0	5.0	5.3	4.9	4.6
	115.3	103.6	68.5	65.7	42.1	39.7	25.2	22.0
WAGES (ADULT MALES)(a) —								
Nominal Weekly Wage Index Numbers	(f)	848	1,000	1,826	1,752	1,997	4,495	5,773
Real Wage Index Numbers(g) ..	(f)	(f)	1,000	1,087	1,210	1,194	1,439	1,454
PRODUCTION —								
Agricultural(h) —								
Wheat .. { Area mill. acs.	3.3	5.1	7.4	9.7	14.7	12.0	10.4	10.2
Yield mill. bus.	26	39	72	129	191	167	160	195
Av. Yield bus.	7.7	7.5	9.6	13.3	12.9	13.9	15.4	19.2
Oats .. { Area '000 acs.	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	2,365	3,354
Yield mill. bus.	5.7	9.8	9.6	12.1	15.2	22.3	34.5	56.5
Av. Yield bus.	23.3	21.2	15.5	16.6	14.0	15.3	14.6	16.8
Barley .. { Area '000 acs.	68	75	116	299	342	784	1,118	1,894
Yield mill. bus.	1.2	1.5	2.1	6.1	6.3	18.0	21.9	41.6
Av. Yield bus.	17.3	20.4	17.7	20.4	18.4	23.0	19.6	22.0
Malze .. { Area '000 acs.	284	295	340	305	269	301	170	168
Yield mill. bus.	9.3	7.0	8.9	7.8	7.1	7.4	4.0	4.8
Av. Yield bus.	32.6	23.9	26.3	25.7	26.2	24.7	23.7	28.4
Hay .. { Area '000 acs.	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	1,549	2,241
Yield '000 tons	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	2,345	3,626
Av. Yield tons	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.51	1.62
Potatoes .. { Area '000 acs.	113	110	130	149	145	99	118	94
Yield '000 tons	380	323	301	388	397	333	509	(n)
Av. Yield tons	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	4.31	(n)
Sugar-cane(a) .. { Area(i) '000 acs.	45	87	101	128	242	255	282	377
Yield '000 tons	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	5,327	8,901
Av. Yield tons	16.2	15.7	16.7	19.0	17.4	20.3	18.9	23.9
Vineyards .. { Area '000 acs.	49	64	61	92	113	130	136	135
Wine mill. gals.	3.4	5.3	5.0	8.5	14.2	16.0	35.3	(n)
Total Area of Crops mill. acs.	5.4	8.4	12.1	15.4	21.2	20.5	19.7	22.5
Pastoral, Dairying, etc. —								
Livestock(j) { Horses mill.	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.6	0.9	0.8
Cattle ..	11.1	8.5	11.8	14.4	12.3	13.6	14.9	16.5
Sheep ..	106	72	97	86	111	125	118	139
Pigs ..	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.0	1.2
Wool(k) .. { mill. lb.	(a) 634	(a) 539	(a) 798	723	1,007	1,167	1,060	1,411
Butter .. { '000 tons	(a) 19	(a) 46	(a) 95	(a) 119	175	168	135	209
Cheese .. { ..	(a) 4.5	(a) 5.3	(a) 7.1	(a) 14.6	14.0	30.1	40.6	38.7
Meat(l) .. { Beef and Veal ..	(f)	(f)	(f)	339	350	534	582	(m) 750
Mutton and Lamb ..	(f)	(f)	(f)	218	307	372	282	(m) 376
Pork ..	(f)	(f)	(f)	11.1	22.7	58.1	35.0	(m) 42.8
Bacon and Ham ..	(a) 7.5	(a) 15.2	(a) 23.8	26.2	31.8	42.5	36.6	(m) 37.3
Total Meat ..	(f)	(f)	(f)	608	727	1,027	949	m 1,219

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) At 31st December of previous year. (c) Number per 1,000 of mean population. (d) Decrease made absolute, including decrees for nullity of marriage. (e) Number per 1,000 live births. (f) Not available. (g) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (h) Season ending in year shown. (i) Cane cut for crushing. (j) As at 31st December of previous year for years to 1942, as at 31st March thereafter. (k) In terms of greasy. (l) Bone-in weight in terms of fresh meat, cured weight, bacon and ham. (m) Subject to revision. (n) Not yet available.

Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

NOTE.—See headnotes on page 118.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1956.
PRODUCTION—continued.								
Mineral(a)(b)—								
Copper(c) .. '000 tons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	13.5	20.9	17.9	45.5
Gold(c) .. '000 fine oz.	1,243	3,300	2,484	758	595	1,497	896	1,049
Lead(c) .. '000 tons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	150.8	289.4	212.0	295.9
Zinc(c) .. " "	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	66.1	232.6	189.2	256.6
Black Coal .. mill. tons.	4.4	6.9	10.6	12.8	8.4	14.2	17.6	19.3
Brown Coal .. " "	..	..	(e)	0.1	2.2	4.6	7.8	10.1
Forestry—								
Sawn output of native timber mill. sup. ft.	(d)	(a) 452	(a) 605	590	287	914	1,393	1,454
Factories—								
Number of factories .. '000								
Persons employed ..	(f)	(f)	{ 14.5	18.0	21.7	27.0	45.8	(g)
Salaries and wages paid .. £m.			{ 312	379	337	725	978	
Net value of production—			{ 28	68	56	180	612	(g)
Chemicals, etc. .. £m.			{ 1.1	3.2	7.9	24.8	63.7	(g)
Industrial metals, etc. ..			{ 12.0	23.6	22.8	119.9	413.1	(g)
Textiles, etc. ..			{ 7.5	19.2	6.9	21.0	58.6	(g)
Clothing ..	(d)	(d)	{ 11.1	23.6	11.1	23.6	81.1	(g)
Food, etc. ..			{ 11.8	27.2	28.7	53.2	141.1	(g)
Paper, etc. ..			{ 4.2	9.0	9.6	17.1	68.2	(g)
All groups ..	23.3	29.1	47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.0	(g)
Value of plant & machinery ..			{ 31.4	78.1	121.5	169.2	412.5	(g)
Value of land and buildings ..	(d)	(d)	{ 32.5	67.3	106.6	156.3	360.2	(g)
Net Value of production(h)—								
Agriculture .. £m.	17.0	23.8	38.8	81.9	49.7	64.0	246.7	(g)
Pastoral ..	31.3	27.2	52.7	75.1	43.0	85.4	400.5	(g)
Dairying ..	6.0	7.6	16.1	35.3	22.6	34.3	103.8	(g)
Poultry ..	1.9	2.0	4.0	9.0	5.7	6.5	31.5	(g)
Bee-farming ..	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8	(g)
Total, Rural ..	56.3	60.7	111.7	201.4	121.1	190.6	783.3	(g)
Trapping ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.5	5.0	6.7	(g)
Forestry ..					3.9	10.2	37.9	(g)
Fisheries ..	4.4	2.8	{ 4.8	9.1	1.4	1.8	5.7	(g)
Mines and Quarries(i) ..	12.1	22.0	23.3	20.0	13.5	33.4	97.2	(g)
Total, Non-rural ..	16.5	24.8	29.2	30.5	20.3	50.4	147.5	(g)
Total, Primary ..	72.8	85.5	140.9	231.9	141.4	241.0	930.8	(g)
Factories ..	23.3	29.1	47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.0	(g)
Total, All Industries ..	96.1	114.6	188.4	344.4	252.4	557.5	1,954.8	(g)
BUILDING(j)—								
Permits, New Dwellings { '000					2.1	9.7	32.8	40.3
Permits, All Buildings(k) £m.	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.5	9.6	80.4	132.5
					4.6	13.5	116.4	226.8
OVERSEA TRADE—								
Imports .. £m. f.o.b.	(a) 34	(a) 38	(a) 61	94	52	174	1,053	821
Exports .. " "	36	50	79	123	108	169	675	782
Principal Exports(l)—								
Wool .. { mill. lb.(m)	641	529	734	946	903	938	1,036	1,264
Wheat .. { £m. f.o.b.	20	15	26	48	32	58	323	338
Flour .. { '000 tons	258	543	1,477	2,677	3,413	598	1,685	1,903
Butter .. { £m. f.o.b.	1.9	2.8	9.6	28.6	19.2	4.6	55.3	46.5
Hides and Skins .. { '000 short tons	33	97	176	360	611	414	789	667
Meats .. { £m. f.o.b.	0.3	0.6	1.4	5.5	3.8	4.2	33.0	19.7
Fruit(n) .. { mill. lb.	4	35	102	127	202	130	25	185
Sugar .. { £m. f.o.b.	0.2	1.4	4.6	8.0	10.3	8.1	4.6	29.0
Gold .. £m. f.o.b.	0.9	1.3	3.2	3.1	2.3	6.0	17.1	20.9
Silver and Lead(o) ..	0.5	2.6	4.3	5.5	6.4	14.1	35.5	60.5
Ores and Concentrates ..	..	0.2	0.5	3.0	4.8	4.0	19.5	32.7
	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	2.5	2.6	6.9	24.8
	5.7	14.3	12.0	3.5	11.9	9.2	7.0	8.3
	1.9	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.9	7.4	32.1	32.2
	(e)	(e)	3.7	0.8	0.2	1.3	20.4	15.6

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Breaks in the continuity of the series occurred in 1931 and 1951. (c) Mine production; i.e. metal content of minerals produced. (d) Not available. (e) Less than .05. (f) Owing to variation in classification effective comparison is impossible. (g) Not yet available. (h) Gross value from 1891 to 1921-22. Prior to 1922 figures are for years ended previous December. (i) Incomplete. (j) Six capital cities and suburbs. (k) Includes additions and alterations. (l) Australian produce except gold which includes re-exports. (m) In terms of greasy. (n) Excludes fruit juices. (o) Includes concentrates.

Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

NOTE.—See headnotes on page 118.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1956.
PRIVATE FINANCE—								
Commonwealth Note Issue(a) £m.	(b)	(b)	8	54	51	103	303	373
Cheque-paying Banks—								
Advances(c)	125	94	119	182	261	270	677	793
Deposits(e)	98	93	150	289	319	387	1,189	1,286
Bank clearings(d) ..	(b)	338	662	1,702	1,581	2,828	12,160	13,812
Savings bank deposits(e) ..	15	31	59	154	198	274	892	1,141
Life Assurance(d)(f)—								
Ordinary—								
Policies .. '000		414	484	730	871	1,340	2,553	3,184
Sum assured .. £m.		108	109	181	285	463	1,212	1,971
Industrial—								
Policies .. '000	(b)	236	467	973	1,550	2,780	3,843	3,766
Sum assured .. £m.		5	10	30	67	127	254	307
Total—								
Policies .. '000		650	951	1,703	2,421	4,120	6,396	6,950
Sum assured .. £m.		113	119	211	352	590	1,466	2,278
SOCIAL STATISTICS—								
Commonwealth Social Services—								
Age and Invalid Pen- sions .. '000(g)			90	144	256	336	420	(i)
Child Endowment .. £m.			2.2	5.4	11.1	19.3	59.8	(i)
Claims in force .. '000(g)						488	1,205	(i)
Total Commonwealth Health and Social Services(h) £m.			2.2	6.1	11.5	30.9	137.6	(i)
War Pensions .. '000(g)				225	274	220	525	(i)
Service Pensions .. £m.				7.0	7.4	7.5	31.8	(i)
State Social Services(k)—								
Education(d)						14	17	(i)
Government Schools—						0.6	1.8	(i)
Schools .. '000	6.2	7.0	8.0	9.4	10.1	9.5	7.6	(i)
Staff .. "	12.6	14.5	17.0	26.1	33.8	32.1	36.7	(i)
Students .. "	561	638	639	819	937	887	1,013	(i)
Non-Government Schools—								
Schools .. '000	2.0	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	(i)
Staff .. "	6.0	8.3	7.8	8.8	10.0	11.4	13.3	(i)
Students .. "	125	149	161	199	221	257	326	(i)
Universities(d)(m)—								
Number .. "	4	4	5	6	6	8	9	(i)
Staff(n) .. "	(b)	(b)	249	482	703	1,416	3,082	(i)
Students .. '000	1.6	1.8	3.4	8.0	9.8	13.9	31.7	(i)
Public Hospitals—								
Number .. "	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)			
Staff—Medical .. '000	(b)	285	355	404	513	566	675	(i)
Nursing .. "	(b)	(b)	1.1	1.5	3.2	3.9	6.9	(i)
In-patients, cases treated ..	(op) 54	(p) 91	134	215	371	595	896	(i)
POLICE AND PRISONS(d)—								
Police .. '000	5.3	5.8	6.4	6.9	8.6	9.7	12.3	(i)
Prisons .. "	(b)	(b)	104	91	85	70	69	(i)
Prisoners .. '000	(b)	4.3	3.1	2.9	4.2	3.2	4.4	(i)
PRICES(d)—								
"C" Series Retail Price Index ..			1,000	1,680	1,448	1,673	3,124	3,970

(a) At end of June. (b) Not available. (c) Figures for 1892 are averages of weekly balances for the December quarter 1891; the remainder are for the June quarter. All Cheque-paying Banks to 1931-32. Private Trading Banks thereafter. (d) Year ended previous December. (e) 1891 at 31st December, thereafter at 30th June. (f) Existing business in Australia. (g) At 30th June. (h) Excludes war and service pensions. (i) Includes service pensions. (j) Included with war pensions. (k) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (l) Not yet available. (m) Excludes Australian National University. (n) Teaching and research staff. Includes part-time. (o) Year 1891-92 for Victoria. (p) Adelaide Hospital only included in South Australia.

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